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briefs

Drugs seized in dormitory

by TOM DOTY
STAFF WRITER

PIKEVILLE — Pikeville police made two more drug arrests yesterday to top their haul this week to five individuals lodged in the Pike County Jail on drug charges.

The latest arrests happened in a Pikeville College dormitory room on Sycamore street in downtown Pikeville.

One suspect, Stephen M. Bair, 21, from Pennsylvania, has been identified as a student while it is still unsubstantiated if the other suspect, Jack N. Lynch, 21, of Pikeville, is enrolled at the college.

The arrest occurred at 2:06 p.m. Thursday when Pikeville officers, acting on a tip from campus security, searched room 206 of the Page Hall dorm. There they recovered a variety of drugs during the search and were able to confiscate cocaine, marijuana, morphine and Oxycodone.

Detective Sue Hayes is currently investigating the case and both young men have been charged with trafficking in a controlled substance and several other drug-related charges.

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Today
Mostly cloudy
High: 75 • Low: 50

Tomorrow
Showers
High: 72 • Low: 50

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Man charged with burning toddler

by MARY MUSIC
STAFF WRITER

PRESTONSBURG — A Floyd County man who allegedly burned a toddler in hot bath water earlier this month was arraigned twice yesterday on charges stemming from the alleged incident.

Brian Neal Delong, 26, of Town Branch, pleaded not guilty in circuit and district court yesterday to two separate charges of first-degree criminal abuse.

Delong was arrested at the Floyd County Detention Center by Kentucky State Police Det. Byron Hansford Wednesday, the same day he pleaded not

guilty to theft and forgery charges in another case pending against him.

The criminal abuse charges against Delong stem from a March 5 incident in which a 23-month-old child was allegedly burned in hot bath water.

After pleading not guilty to a criminal abuse charge in district court yesterday

morning, Delong was indicted by a grand jury and arraigned in circuit court on two counts of the same charge yesterday afternoon. One of the criminal abuse charges in the indictment was placed against Delong for failing to seek medical attention for the

(See TODDLER, page three)



photo by Mary Music

Cow Creek resident Misty Stephens points out skid marks on the pavement to investigating officer, KSP Trooper John Hunt. Spencer's car, shown in the background, received minimal damage in a collision with a 13-year-old motorcyclist.

Boy airlifted after wrecking motorcycle

by MARY MUSIC
STAFF WRITER

COW CREEK — A leisurely ride turned out to be a nightmare for one Floyd County youth Wednesday afternoon when his dirt bike crashed into a vehicle a few hundred feet from his home.

Trimble Lee Thacker, 13, son of W. Trimble and Sandy Thacker,

of Cow Creek Road, was airlifted to Cabell-Huntington Hospital following the accident, which occurred around 3:30 p.m.

Florence Harris, who lives a few feet from the intersection where the accident occurred, said that she attended to the boy at the scene before authorities arrived.

"I heard it hit and I heard her (the driver of the car) blow her

horn, and I looked out and he was laying there," she said. "He was trying to pick up his motorcycle, but his leg wouldn't hold him and they both fell down. I went over and helped him pick up the motorcycle and he laid there until the paramedics got here."

According to KSP Trooper

(See WRECK, page three)

Dad threatens lawsuit over DUI arrest

by JOYAL FRAZIER
STAFF WRITER

PRESTONSBURG — A Knott County man says he plans to sue after being arrested for drunk driving by a Martin police officer.

An order entered March 9 in Floyd District Court dismissed all

charges against Jason Sexton, a 19-year-old Leburn man who was arrested Nov. 13 by Officer Matt Varney of the Martin City Police, just hours after his critically ill newborn child was delivered.

Varney pulled Sexton over for speeding, though he failed to indicate the alleged speed on the cita-

tion. Sexton was then charged by Varney with DUI and possession of illegal substances, but Kentucky State Police laboratory results revealed that there were no drugs or alcohol in Sexton's blood or urine.

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David School includes public service in studies

by JOYAL FRAZIER
STAFF WRITER

DAVID — The David School, which is celebrating its 30th year of success, continues to grow and provide services to preschoolers, at-risk teens and adults who are either illiterate or

in need of GED instruction.

As a result of its unique educational programs, David School graduates become self-sufficient, lifelong learners capable of obtaining advanced educational opportunities and

(See SCHOOL, page three)

Replacing roof to cost county \$107K

by TOM DOTY
STAFF WRITER

PRESTONSBURG — The Floyd County Fiscal Court met yesterday to discuss fixing the old courthouse roof.

The measure was carried with no objections and was a welcome solution to a problem which has bugged the building for over ten years.

Steve Smith, of S&L Company, will be the construction supervisor of the job, which will cost the county \$107,000.

Water damage is evident to anyone that enters the building. The paint has peeled in numerous places, there are roof tiles missing on every ceiling and those who work on the top floor are surrounded by piles of

rust and small puddles.

The problem has existed for years. County Attorney Keith Bartley noted that the problem went back to when it was the original courthouse.

"I remember trying cases in here with the water dripping on us," Bartley said.

A short-term fix of replacing roofing material as it got saturated was not a good long-term solution, according to Judge-Executive Paul Hunt Thompson, who said, "We've already paid enough in ceiling tiles to fix the whole roof."

The leaky roof goes back to the time when the Floyd County Jail was housed upstairs. A 44-foot hole was put in the roof so that light could

(See ROOF, page three)

Drugs seized after motel guests sleep in

by MARY MUSIC
STAFF WRITER

PRESTONSBURG — A complaint from employees at Super 8 Hotel in Prestonsburg led to the arrest of two individuals yesterday, after authorities recovered large quantities of drugs and paraphernalia from their hotel room.

Jessica M. Decker, 24, of East Point, and Ronald Gibson, 36, of Columbus, Ohio, were arrested and incarcerated at the Floyd County Detention Center following the investigation.

According to Prestonsburg Police Officer Brian Hall, lead

(See DRUGS, page three)



photo by Mary Music

Darrell Sparks, with the Prestonsburg Fire Department, assisted Prestonsburg Police at Super 8 yesterday, where officials uncovered a large quantity of drugs and paraphernalia.



As part of their curriculum, the students from The David School provide community service to local areas around the region. Here, high school seniors volunteer to clean up the community along Route 404 to make the entrance road to their school more appealing.

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Odds & Ends

■ **CREIGHTON, Neb.** — It took a while, but members of the Congregational Baptist United Church of Christ in Creighton have paid off a debt — one that dates back to 1883.

The Rev. Kenneth Purcell said the original loan was used to build both the church and an old parsonage. The lien was not discovered until about 15 years ago when the church planned to sell the parsonage.

That, said Purcell, was when the \$2,700 debt was discovered. He said the mortgage apparently had been forgotten over the years.

The money originally came from the American Congregational Union, which was the predecessor to today's United Church of Christ. Happily, Purcell said, the parent organization did not charge interest.

The church would have owed \$45,000 to \$60,000 if the United Church of Christ had held the Creighton church to the interest, he said.

The lien payoff was raised through fund raisers and donations.

On Sunday, the church will hold a celebration during its 10:30 a.m. service to finally burn its 120-year-old mortgage.

"We're going to celebrate the fact that the church is debt-free," Purcell said.

■ **HARRISON, Ark.** — Police had no trouble tracking down a man who tried to cash a stolen check at a Harrison bank.

After the teller, a policeman's wife, recognized the check as stolen, the man took off from a drive-through window — and left his driver's license behind.

Steven Allen Miller, 39, pleaded innocent last Friday to charges of theft of property and breaking and entering.

Police said Miller broke into a man's car and stole a cell phone, police scanner, 80 music CDs and a \$243 check on Feb. 29. The next day, police say, he went to a bank and tried to cash the check at a drive-through window.

The clerk instructed the man to step inside because she needed identification beyond the driver's license that he had submitted with the check. Instead of entering the bank, Miller drove off.

Police found Miller at the address listed on his license.

■ **PALM DESERT, Calif.** — It's been a slippery ride on Coachella Valley roadways. Pretty disgusting, too.

Hundreds of caterpillars have been inundating desert roadways this week and many of the three-inch critters are crushed by cars and trucks, creating a gooey mess in traffic lanes.

"When they start to cross the roads, that means they're in search of more food to eat," said Kurt Leuschner, professor of natural resources at College of the Desert. The caterpillars are hunting for primrose.

The timing of the caterpillars' arrival this year isn't unusual, but the large numbers are. Leuschner said wet weather and the wildflower bloom apparently increased the caterpillar numbers.

The last notable good year for rainfall was 1998, he said.

"The caterpillars are out in force," said Cameron Barrows, director of the Coachella Valley Preserve.

One girl is trying to help the caterpillars. As they start toward the street, Marina Padilla directs them to the sidewalk.

"I get a stick and pick them up so they can't get squished by the cars," the 9-year-old girl said.

■ **GILLETTE, Wyo.** — Six teenagers were cited for harassment. The victim? A herd of antelope.

"I watched them do it," said South Gillette Game Warden John Schneidmiller, who was driving on Interstate 90 when he spotted the teenagers in a sport utility vehicle giving chase to the animals. "They were definitely harassing the antelope."

The driver was ticketed for harassing big game animals with a vehicle, which carries a \$410

fine. The five passengers were given warning citations. Their names were not released.

Schneidmiller said antelope in the area are physically vulnerable and that harassment of this sort could cause serious injury or death to the animals.

"In the drought that we're in,

the antelope are so stressed to begin with that they don't need additional stress," he said.

Schneidmiller also noted the danger the driver created for himself and his passengers by zigzagging off-road around the herd.

"They almost rolled their

vehicle," he said. "I watched them, they were up on two wheels a couple times."

While similar incidents are often reported to the state Game and Fish Department wardens, it is rare to actually catch someone in the act, Schneidmiller said.

Today in History

The Associated Press

Today is Friday, March 26, the 86th day of 2004. There are 280 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:

On March 26, 1982, groundbreaking ceremonies took place in Washington, D.C., for the Vietnam Veterans Memorial.

On this date:

■ In 1804, the Louisiana Purchase was divided into the Territory of Orleans and the District of Louisiana.

■ In 1827, composer Ludwig van Beethoven died in Vienna.

■ In 1874, poet Robert Frost was born in San Francisco.

■ In 1892, poet Walt Whitman died in Camden, N.J.

■ In 1911, playwright Tennessee Williams was born in Columbus, Miss.

■ In 1958, the U.S. Army launched America's third successful satellite, Explorer III.

■ In 1962, the U.S. Supreme Court gave federal courts the power to order reapportionment of seats in a state legislature, a decision that eventually led to the doctrine of "one man, one vote."

■ In 1964, the musical play "Funny Girl," starring Barbra Streisand, opened on Broadway.

■ In 1971, East Pakistan proclaimed its independence, taking the name Bangladesh.

■ In 1979, the Camp David peace treaty was signed by Israeli Prime Minister Menachem Begin and Egyptian President Anwar Sadat at the White House.

Ten years ago:

U.N. peacekeepers in Bosnia-Herzegovina destroyed a Serb bunker following a seven-hour exchange of fire. The Senate passed President Clinton's education reform measure, the "Goals

2000" bill, 63-22.

Five years ago:

American-led NATO forces launched a third night of airstrikes against Yugoslavia. Dr. Jack Kevorkian was convicted in Pontiac, Mich., of second-degree murder for giving a patient with Lou Gehrig's disease a lethal injection, an action videotaped and broadcast on television. A cunning computer virus named "Melissa" began infecting computers across the country.

One year ago:

The Senate approved a \$2.2 trillion budget that provided less than half the \$726 billion in tax cuts President Bush wanted. Former Sen. Daniel Patrick Moynihan, D-N.Y., died in Washington, D.C., at age 76. Interpol issued an international call for the arrest of former Peruvian President Alberto Fujimori on charges of murder and kidnapping in Peru.

Today's Birthdays: Retired Army Gen. William C. Westmoreland is 90. Jazz musician James Moody is 79. Conductor-composer Pierre Boulez is 79. Supreme Court Justice Sandra Day O'Connor is 74. Actor-director Leonard Nimoy is 73. Actor Alan Arkin is 70. Actor James Caan is 64. Author Erica Jong is 62. Journalist Bob Woodward is 61. Singer Diana Ross is 60. Actor Johnny Crawford is 58. Rock singer Steven Tyler (Aerosmith) is 56. Singer and TV personality Vicki Lawrence is 55. Singer Teddy Pendergrass is 54. Comedian Martin Short is 54. Country singer Ronnie McDowell is 54. Country singer Dean Dillon is 49. Country singer Charly McClain is 48. TV personality Leeza Gibbons is 47. Actress Jennifer Grey is 44. Basketball player John Stockton is 42. Actor Michael Imperioli is 38. Rock musician James Iha is 36. Country singer Kenny Chesney is 36. Rapper Juvenile is 29. Actress Amy Smart is 28. Actress Keira Knightley is 19.

Thought for Today:

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Labor leaders mourn apparent death of black-lung bill

by BRUCE SCHREINER
ASSOCIATED PRESS

FRANKFORT — Organized labor leaders Wednesday said legislation to alter the evaluation of coal miners' claims for black-lung benefits has apparently been killed.

They blamed Republican leaders in the Senate, where the bill stalled after it passed the House with bipartisan support. Senate leaders sent the measure this week to the Appropriations and Revenue Committee, a common tactic to let bills wither away late in a legislative session.

"Once again, the miners of this state have fallen victim to the politics in Frankfort," Steve Earle, a lobbyist for the United Mine Workers union, said in an interview Wednesday.

In a statement, UMW International President Cecil Roberts called the development a "travesty" for miners who "are only seeking fairness."

The bill's supporters say few miners are being compensated for black-lung disease, or pneumoconiosis, under a review system created by the General Assembly two years ago. The process relies on panels of medical specialists reaching a consensus after reviewing miners' chest X-rays.

"Miners are still breathing coal dust and miners are still contracting black-lung disease," Earle said.

Bill Caylor, president of the Kentucky Coal Association, said the measure would have retreated from using objective medical evidence in reviewing miners' claims.

"We can ill afford to return to the days where both parties doctor shop for a favorable doctor and then took it before a judge who considered more evidence than strictly work-related," Caylor said.

Approval of black-lung benefits was once widespread. Standards were raised in the mid-1990s at the urging of then-Gov. Paul Patton, and claims became nearly impossible to win. Patton, a former coal operator, later said he had gone too far. The General Assembly in 2002 revised standards.

Rep. Howard Cornett, R-

Whitesburg, said Wednesday that the Senate ran out of time because House Democrats didn't act on the bill soon enough.

The bill was introduced Feb. 12. More than a month elapsed before it was passed by the House on an 88-0 vote. The bill received two hearings in committee, the second to review a report on the bill's cost.

The bill would abolish a "consensus procedure" in which three radiologists review chest X-rays, then decide whether black lung is present. The procedure is used when a miner and employer cannot agree on a settlement. Findings are submitted to an administrative law judge.

The bill would create a system in which two X-ray interpretations from radiologists would be submitted to an administrative law judge.

The bill also would lower the age — from 57 to 52 — at which miners could choose cash awards for black lung instead of retraining benefits.

Rep. Robin Webb, the bill's lead sponsor, said the main sticking point was the coal industry's support for the consensus panels.

"To leave the consensus panel as it is defeats the purpose of the legislation to open the fund up to more awards," said Webb, D-Grayson. "And I have no apologies for trying to do that."

The bill's supporters say the Coal Workers' Pneumoconiosis Fund, used to pay black-lung awards, has an \$18 million surplus. They say the fund is projected to remain healthy for years to come.

The bill's supporters said they would offer the legislation again next year. Cornett said that Gov. Ernie Fletcher had offered to help work out differences before the 2005 General Assembly convenes.

"We've got people dying every day from black-lung disease, and their families are left in poverty in many cases because of it because they don't get any benefits," Cornett said.

"And this legislation would help those families receive the benefits that they're due, that they've worked hard all their lives for."

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Toddler

child, who was transported from Highlands Regional Medical Center to Shriners Burn Unit in Cincinnati following the incident.

The child, son of Angela Banks and Travis Banks, suffered third-degree burns on his feet, legs and bottom, family members said.

According to the child's grandmother, Velma Lee (Miller) Sparkman, who drove him to Highlands following the incident March 5, the child was released from Shriners last week.

"God performed a miracle with my grandson," Sparkman

said, describing how the "Holy Spirit told" her to visit the child that day.

According to her, Angela Banks left her son in the care of her sister, Thomi L. Hicks, on that day, who later left the child in the care of Delong.

Upon arrival at the residence, Sparkman said Delong, who allegedly told family members he'd been "driving around" with the child for a couple of hours "looking for car parts," pulled into a vacant lot next door.

"Trey was crying," Sparkman said. "I told Thomi to bring him to me and I hollered 'Where's Granny's boy?' As soon as he

reached him through the window to me, Trey had a death clutch around my neck. His whole body was jerking, I felt his heart through me. I told him to tell Granny where it hurts and he pointed to his feet."

Upon removing the child's sock, Sparkman said the child's toenails were curled up, and his feet were bloody and swelling. She immediately put the car in reverse and rushed to the hospital exceeding speeds of 90 miles an hour.

Sparkman explained that the child, who is unable to walk, has been traumatized by the incident, but is alive today because a

"miracle" saved him. "It's still bad," she said. "It still looks gruesome but compared to what it was, it's a glorious sight."

Immediately following the incident, family members and friends initiated prayer lines and continually prayed for the child during his recovery in the hospital, she said, noting that doctors and nurses who cared for him were shocked to see him recover so quickly.

Interestingly, another "miracle" rests in the fact that Sparkman, charged with murder for the December shooting death of her boyfriend, Ronnie

Curnutte, was released from the Floyd County Detention Center Feb. 10 after the commonwealth failed to turn over an indictment against her for murder, citing problems at KSP labs, which are currently evaluating evidence in the case.

"If I hadn't been there, the baby would have died," Sparkman said.

Delong, represented by

attorney Jimmy Webb, was placed under a \$50,000 cash bond in district court for the charge. Judge John David Caudill ordered that Delong's bond remain the same in circuit court yesterday.

On Wednesday, he pleaded not guilty to theft and forgery charges in a separate case, in which he allegedly stole an income tax check and tried to cash it as his own.

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Lawsuit

Sexton also alleges that Varney failed to send any substances he allegedly found to the state police laboratory.

According to the order to dismiss charges, "The substances that were seized as evidence in the search of defendant's car were never sent to the Kentucky State Police laboratory so even if the evidence were admissible, there is no proof as to the nature of this evidence. The police officer is not an expert and cannot make a determination as to whether or not the substances seized were controlled substances ... Without the speeding and DUI charges, the officer had no probable cause to make the initial stop and any evidence obtained as a result of the stop should be suppressed."

As a result, the court dis-

missed all charges against Sexton. He subsequently retained Clyde F. Johnson of Kirk Law Firm to evaluate an action against Officer Varney and the city of Martin.

"The facts, just as set out in the court records, clearly indicate that Officer Varney acted beyond his authority and infringed upon Sexton's legal rights," said Clyde Johnson, who is representing Sexton.

Sexton's arrest further complicated what his attorney described as a difficult time. Sexton was attempting to return to his home to change his clothes and get a couple hours rest after having spent over 24 hours in local hospitals with his girlfriend and their newborn baby.

The child was born at

Highlands Regional Medical Center early the previous morning, but had to be transferred to Pikeville Methodist Hospital to receive more intensive care. Meanwhile, the child's mother had to stay at Highlands, forcing Sexton to travel back and forth between the two hospitals.

"My client's description of Officer Varney's conduct was almost inhuman," Johnson said. "To curse and chastise a young man who was undergoing a traumatic experience, as Jason was with his child, was totally uncalled for. That he did it without any reasonable justification makes it actionable and we expect to recover for Jason's damages. We are glad the Floyd District Court took proper action to clear Jason."

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No lawsuit has yet been filed. Johnson said he anticipates filing a complaint within a week, perhaps as soon as today.

Neither Martin Mayor Thomasine Robinson nor Varney returned calls seeking comment.

School

sustainable employment. The David School has established a close-knit, nurturing environment that offers one-on-one attention to each student. Teachers help students find their individuality by showing them how everyone is special in their own way.

The students feel they have gained so much, personally, by being at the school, and in return they want to give back to the community. On a beautiful spring day, with the warm sun

shinning down, a group of 10 young people from The David School dodged fast-moving automobiles as they were worked on a cleanup project at the mouth of Route 404.

"All this garbage is wrong," said Mary Jones, a senior, "because this is our environment and we have to respect it, and people throwing trash out doesn't make it any better."

According to Kay Ross, a teacher at The David School, the school tries to have a cleanup

day once a month if possible.

Community service is part of the curriculum for the students. Two weeks ago, the cleanup program started at the bottom of the Beverly Ann Coal Tipple and went all the way to the top of David Mountain.

"We have very good kids, very conscientious kids at our school," Ross said.

Because of the cleanup work they have been doing along the roads, the school is looking for orange caution cones to be donated, or the use of them when needed, so the students will be safer while doing their community service projects on the roadways. The school is mostly funded by private donations, grants, and foundations.

The cleanup along the road was not all that the students were working on Thursday. Rebuilding the pond that they use in science class, putting new sand down for the volleyball court and working on the ball fields were all a part of the day's curriculum.

Eddy Banks Cuss, a senior at The David School, explained that the school is cleaned, the food is cooked, and the buildings are built all by the students. Parents are also required to work 10 hours each school year.

"We are proud of our school," Cuss said.

Roof

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get down to the cells and allow prisoners to distinguish night from day. The hole had extensive gutters but the problem is that the drains to which they were connected are the size of a shower nozzle and clogged easily. As Smith put it, "One or two leaves was all it took to stop up the whole works."

The project will eventually relieve the building of its wretched odor which comes from all of the stagnant water trapped in the ceilings.

Thompson hopes the roof project becomes one of many capital improvements for the old courthouse.

"I think that it will be the first project, with more to follow in the next two years," Thompson said. "We have an artist's rendition of how the facility can be transformed into looking more like the new justice center. The first thing we have to do though is get a roof on it."

The project, which will begin in April, will take under 90 days to complete. The job was offered to local construction firms for bidding, because of the expenses involved, but unfortunately, no one applied for the job.

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Wreck

John P. Hunt, the Thacker's bike collided with the lower driver's side of a car driven by Misty Stevens, 21, of Cow Creek, when the boy pulled out from his private driveway onto the paved roadway.

"Apparently, he'd seen the car and applied his brakes," Hunt said, preparing to measure marks carved into the pavement by the kick stand on the motorcycle.

Those marks, Hunt said, indicated that Thacker's bike skidded sideways approximately 3 or 4 feet and crashed into the lower part of Steven's car, which received minimal damage as a result of the collision.

Emergency professionals with the TranStar Ambulance Service, who were the first to arrive at the scene, transported the boy to an open field about a half mile down the road, where he was picked up by a Life Net Air Methods helicopter and

transported to Cabell-Huntington Hospital in serious condition.

According to TranStar paramedic Jeremy Slone, Thacker suffered possible fractures to his left pelvis and femur and showed signs of shock. Thacker, who was alert and talking at the scene, had no obvious signs of head injuries, Slone said, but was "a little scared."

Spencer, who was on her way home when the accident occurred, said she stopped her car as soon as she saw the boy pull out onto the road.

"If I hadn't stopped, I would have killed him," Spencer said following the accident. "I hate it because I hurt him. I feel bad for the family and I am sorry that it happened."

During the preliminary investigation, Hunt said the use of alcohol or drugs did not appear to be a factor in the accident.

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Drugs

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investigator, city police officials and the Prestonsburg Fire Department responded to the hotel after concerned Super 8 employees contacted police when they couldn't wake up two of their customers, who were scheduled to check out yesterday morning.

"We got a complaint that they (the employees) couldn't wake the people up, and they got scared," Hall said. "The [police department] showed up and found a small amount of drugs and paraphernalia and upon investigating, we found large quantities of other types of drug, scales and money."

Hall said officers, who were compiling an inventory of items found when The Floyd County Times arrived on the scene, found a couple of plastic bags of a white powdery substance, thought to be cocaine, several small bags of marijuana, various pills, two scales and several other items of paraphernalia in the room, along with \$900 in cash.

"We do not condone this type of activity in any type, shape or form," said Super 8 manager Jackie Ousley, angrily. "We will do what we can to keep it out of our hotel."

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but of the Moderns,
what is fittest."

— Thomas Fuller

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Guest View

Editorial roundup

The Democrat & Chronicle, Rochester, N.Y., on the presidential race:

At the rate that President Bush and John Kerry have been duking it out lately with personal and nasty exchanges, the 2004 presidential campaign could wear out voters long before the Nov. 2 election.

The kind of in-your-face sniping that's been occurring lately is usually seen in the fall as Election Day nears. At this point, eight months out, the candidates typically are busy raising campaign funds and staking out their positions.

It's obvious that both camps have concluded that it's more important to go on the offensive and let no assertion by the other side go unchallenged...

OK. There's more than a grain of truth in the back and forth. Still, the candidates need to talk more about the future. There's no shortage of critical issues: Iraq, the Middle East, the economy, Medicare, Medicaid, Social Security and homeland security top the list.

Enough of the "Liar, liar, pants on fire" sniping. Voters deserve better.

Pensacola (Fla.) News Journal, on wavering U.S. support in Iraq:

By now President Bush must know the United States is in trouble around the world. Recent events involving Poland, South Korea and Spain make it crystal clear.

The White House has to understand that this isn't just about the usual resentment of American power and influence, and that some serious fences need mending.

Meanwhile, our allies should not lose sight of the greater imperative. Free nations have to stand strong against terrorism and totalitarianism, no matter what other differences they might have. ...

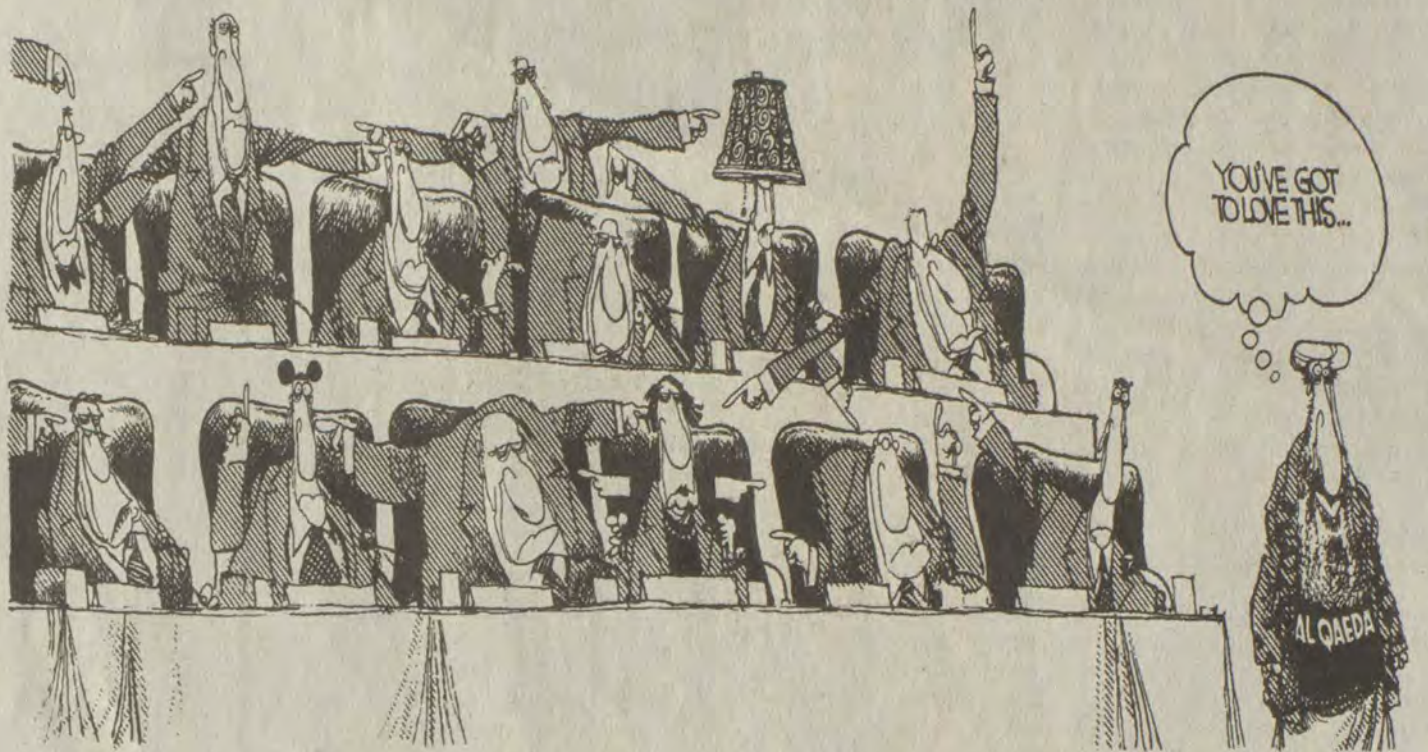
Why this lack of support from these free nations, each of which democratically elects its leaders?

Mostly, it is the mistakes of the Bush administration. The war revealed no WMD, no connection between Iraq and al-Qaida, and that the United Nations inspectors were effective in suppressing Iraq's WMD programs.

U.S. prestige is on the line: What these nations are saying is that they don't believe or trust the White House. Given that these are our friends, the problem is obvious.



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Guest Column

Pledging allegiance without God

by DR. PAUL KENGOR

It's a curious thing for any biographer: When you write a book on a historical figure — particularly an unappreciated aspect of a historical figure, in my case, Ronald Reagan and his religious faith — it's inevitable that you will get asked questions like, "How would Ronald Reagan react to the war on terror?" or "What would Reagan think about gay marriage?"

Some of these questions are difficult to answer. Gay marriage, for instance, was simply inconceivable in Reagan's time.

Yet, there is one current question I could shed some light on: "How would Reagan respond to the attempt to

remove "One Nation Under God" from America's pledge of allegiance?"

Answer: He would be quite disturbed.

"One Nation Under God" was added to the pledge by the Eisenhower administration and Congress in the 1950s. Dwight Eisenhower was one of Ronald Reagan's favorite presidents. He was the first Republican president that Reagan, once an ardent Democrat, voted for. Reagan keenly identified with the ridiculous characterization of Eisenhower as a lazy dummy, an amiable dunce controlled by his staff. Reagan ordered that two presidential portraits be hung in his White House: Eisenhower's and Calvin Coolidge's.

Eisenhower's rationale for "One Nation Under God" was one Reagan supported wholeheartedly: to draw a moral and religious distinction between the American republic and the Soviet empire. Reagan himself described the difference: "Two visions of the world remain locked in dispute. The first believes all men are created equal by a loving God who has blessed us with freedom. Abraham Lincoln spoke for us ... The second vision believes that religion is opium for the masses. It believes

that eternal principles like truth, liberty and democracy have no meaning beyond the whim of the state. And Lenin spoke for them."

Reagan referred to the Soviet Union as a "Godless tyranny" and a "Godless collectivist antheap." The founder of the Soviet state, Vladimir Lenin, had called religion "necrophilia" (sex with a corpse) and compared it to venereal disease.

"There is nothing more abominable than religion," sneered Lenin, a proud member of the League of the Militant Godless. Said Reagan: "Atheism is as much a part of communism as is the gulag." The 40th president assailed the USSR for its "war" against "the very ideas of religion and freedom."

Though sophisticated people ridiculed him for calling the USSR an "Evil Empire," Reagan had a clear intent: to draw an unmistakable moral demarcation between the American system, based on the ideal that human beings are endowed by a Creator with inalienable rights, and the Godless Soviet system. In other words, Reagan's objective was the same as Eisenhower's

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Letters

Outraged by lunch policy

Who is the "compassionate" "human being" who came up with the proposal for the lunch programs? Does this person have children or grandchildren attending school in this county? Could they possibly sit there and let a child basically eat "bread and water" for their lunch and watch the other children eat a full lunch? Regardless of whether the child is on the fifth day of charging for their lunch or the 50th, who could do that?

It is not the child's fault, why should they be punished? Maybe the parents

need help or can't afford to pay at a specific time.

What happened to all the lottery money that was supposed to help the educational system?

I know there are plenty of parents and grandparents in the county who will not sit still for this. I urge them to contact the school board and voice their protestations. This cannot be allowed to happen!

Betty Bentley
Langley

Thank your sheriff

This is as good a time as any to thank your local sheriff and deputy - the unsung

heroes of all time! Not only do they enforce the law, collect taxes, serve the courts, etc., but they have also been transporting children to the Kentucky Sheriffs' Boys and Girls Ranch in Gilbertsville for 25 years.

The 2004 camping season will mark 26 years of service to needy children through the Boys and Girls Ranch Camping Program. Sheriffs have been dedicated to take care of neglected, abused and at-risk children and, since the late 1970s when I became the director, have transported more than 25,000 youngsters to and from camp. There is no other state that can make this claim.

This summer we will

again take care of hundreds of underprivileged children, with your local sheriff helping with many of the duties, including transporting and delivering food and other much needed supplies.

As the director of the Sheriffs' Ranch, I wanted to make the public aware of what your local sheriff does each year and how they are helping the youth of our state. Give your sheriff a pat on the back and say thank you for bringing children to our camp in Gilbertsville!

God Bless you and thank you for your contributions over the years.

Ray H. Stoess
Ranch director
Gilbertsville

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AT THE MOVIES:

'The Ladykillers'

By CHRISTY LEMIRE
AP ENTERTAINMENT

"The Ladykillers" looks like a Coen brothers movie, with its inventive camera angles and magical imagery from Roger Deakins, the genius cinematographer who also shot the Coens' "Fargo," "O Brother, Where Art Thou?" and "The Man Who Wasn't There," among many others.

It sounds like a Coen brothers movie, with the lyrical cadence of its dialogue and a soundtrack of gospel songs collected by producer T Bone Burnett, who gave "O Brother" a similarly rootsy, Southern feel. And, unfortunately, it runs out of steam after about an hour like the last Coen brothers movie, "Intolerable Cruelty."

Until then, this remake of the 1955 comedy caper starring Alec Guinness is wacky, quirky, and has a terrifically twisted eye for detail.

Tom Hanks, playing his first



"The Ladykillers" is playing locally at the Riverfill 10 in Pikeville. It is rated R for language, including sexual references. Running time: 104 minutes.

Two and a half stars out of four.

truly bad bad guy, is a marvelous mixture of Foghorn Leghorn and Sideshow Bob as the pretentious leader of a gang of thieves who use an elderly woman's cellar to tunnel into a casino vault.

Hollywood's perennial nice guy has played flawed characters in other films — including "A League of Their Own" and "Road to Perdition" — but they

weren't evil to the core. There was always hope for redemption.

Here, the name of his character — Goldthwait Higginson Dorr, Ph.D. — says it all. He's unctuous and manipulative, and every mellifluous word that drips from his mouth is a smooth lie — except when he's reciting Edgar Allan Poe.

"Madame, you are address-

ing a man who IS quiet ... and yet ... NOT quiet," he promises Mrs. Marva Munson (Irma P. Hall), the kind, churchgoing widow from whom he rents a room on a tranquil street in a small Mississippi town.

It's a performance that moviegoers will either embrace unabashedly or reject wholly as being too mannered and self-conscious, though it's a perfect fit for Joel and Ethan Coen, who wrote, directed and produced the film.

Hall, meanwhile, avoids caricature and shows real poignancy as the feisty landlady, who proves herself to be a far more formidable adversary than she initially appeared.

The supporting roles, though, are too cartoonish — even for a Coen brothers movie, where surrealism is the norm.

Professor Dorr has told Mrs. Munson that he'd like to invite the members of his band over to practice church music in the cellar, but these guys are really his partners in crime.

Marlon Wayans is a ghetto stereotype as Gawain MacSam, the "inside man" who works as a janitor at the casino. J.K. Simmons, best known as Schillinger on HBO's "Oz," is cluelessly enthusiastic as explosives expert Garth Pancake (though the scenes with his life partner, Mountain Girl, are a hoot).

Ryan Hurst does little but grunt as Lump, a football player who's the muscle of the operation. And Tzi Ma says even less as The General, the chain-smoking strategist.

It's a promising premise, but like "Intolerable Cruelty" — in which George Clooney and Catherine Zeta-Jones married and manipulated each other in a tediously repetitive cycle — the film's main joke gets old.

Garth's irritable bowel syndrome, which slows him down at the most inopportune moments, isn't even funny the first time. And since when do the Coens have to resort to bathroom humor to get a laugh?

But the most clever character of all is Mrs. Munson's mischievous tabby cat, Pickles, who steals the movie — and more — in the end.

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Rental Central

by TOM DOTY
STAFF WRITER

This was a good week for television with several shows hitting area racks.

NBC has finally released the short-lived, but classic, variety series they gave to Richard Pryor in 1977. Pryor proved to be too controversial for the network and "The Richard Pryor Show" was canceled after only a few episodes aired.

This collection includes the unaired episodes. Pryor cuts loose on everyone from Flip

Wilson to Idi Amin Dada. The supporting players include a young Robin Williams and Sandra Bernhard.

Sci-Fi TV fans will get a kick out of another set of episodes from the too-cool-for-television show "Farscape." Also, "Will and Grace" checks in with a four-disc set that rounds up their second season.

Comedy fans might enjoy a 20th anniversary edition of "Splash." Among the extras are a making-of featurette and the auditions of stars Darryl Hannah and Tom Hanks.

Wrestling fans got a treat with a trio of films featuring wrestlers in the leads roles. The Rock rolls in with his action-comedy "The Rundown." The film also features "American Pie" alumnus Sean William Scott and Christopher Walken in another of his patented scene-stealing jobs as the film's eccentric villain. The film was directed by Peter Berg, who also acted on "Chicago Hope" as a chain-saw-wielding surgeon.

Mexican wrestling movies continue to hit DVD with two films featuring the Blue Demon. Both movies are goofy, but fun, variations on monster flicks. The titles alone are hoots, including "Blue Demon vs. the Infernal Brain" and "Blue Demon vs. the Invaders."

Horror fans got treated to two films this week. Halle Berry stars in "Gothika" as a psychologist who winds up in her own asylum where Robert Downey Jr. is her doctor — truly horrifying.

Meanwhile, Godzilla is back in the latest Japanese release of "Godzilla vs. Mechagodzilla," with two more flicks coming out this summer.

Next week sees the DVD and video debuts of two of this year's Oscar contenders. Ben Kingsley and Jennifer Connelly star in "House of Sand and Fog," while Jack Nicholson and Diane Keaton team up for "Something's Gotta Give."

Bargain hunters should scope out the VHS sales at Big Lots in Prestonsburg Village. They have several videos from Anchor Bay Entertainment for the low price of \$3.99. Horror films are represented by "THE WICKER MAN." This is a great title which features Christopher Lee as the charismatic leader of a small island community which falls under the suspicion of a cop (Edward Woodward from "THE EQUALIZER"). Turns out that some islanders may be performing human sacrifices. This one has a kicker of an ending that won't disappoint.

They also have two of John Woo's early action efforts for sale with "A Better Tomorrow" Parts 1 and 2. Chow Yun-Fat stars in both as a two-gun vigilante with a strict moral code. They also have a few copies of "The Evil Dead" and "Never Cry Wolf" with all of these films going for just under \$4. The video section is hard to find but just make a right as soon as you enter and head all of the way down the store where you will find the videos mixed in with CDs and computer games.

Independent candidates must file by April 1

Candidates seeking public office as an independent candidate must file their Statement-of-Candidacy form by Thursday, April 1, in order to be placed on the ballot for the November general election.

The Statement-of-Candidacy form for independent candidates is required by KRS 118.365(5) which was enacted by the 2003 General Assembly.

"This is the first time independent candidates have been required to file a Statement-of-Candidacy form," said Secretary of State Trey Grayson. "Candidates are encouraged to contact our office or their local county clerks to receive the necessary paperwork in order to be eligible for candidacy. In addition, there is no fee required when filing this

form." If the candidate has not filed a Statement-of-Candidacy form, petitions of nominations for independent candidates will not be accepted by the Secretary of State or the county clerk.

The following offices must file with the Secretary of State's Office:

- U.S. President
 - U.S. Senators
 - U.S. Representatives
 - State Senators in odd-numbered districts
 - State Representatives
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Obituaries

Fred Johnson

Fred Johnson, 84, of Melvin, died Tuesday, March 23, 2004, at his residence.

Born December 10, 1919, in Melvin, he was the son of the late Hiram and Mary (Dolly) Johnson. He was a general laborer.

He was preceded in death by his wife, Liza Elswick Johnson.

Survivors include six sons: Charles Ray Johnson and Harry Gordan Johnson, both of Weeksburg, Freddie Wayne Johnson of Melvin, Bert T. Johnson of Wheelwright, Virgil Lee Johnson of Michigan, and Estill Johnson of Flat Rock, Michigan; four daughters: Freda Gay Owens of Melvin, Opal Clark of Lexington, Lillie Ray of Louisville, and Irene Johnson of Dearborne Heights, Michigan; one sister, Dusty Bailey of Melvin; 25 grandchildren, 43 great-grandchildren, and five great-great-grandchildren.

In addition to his wife, and parents, he was preceded in death by two daughters: Mary Alice Johnson and Mattie Lavon Johnson; one brother, Ed Johnson; one sister, Daisy Little; and two grandchildren.

Funeral services will be conducted Friday, March 26, at 11 a.m., at the Joppa Old Regular Baptist Church, at Melvin, with Old Regular Baptist ministers officiating.

Burial will be in the Buckingham Cemetery at Bevsinsville, under the direction of Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home, Martin.

Visitation is at the church.

(Paid obituary)

Guest

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with the line "One Nation Under God."

Of course, communism and the Soviet Union are dead. Yes, but God is not.

"God isn't dead," began Reagan in a line he used since the 1960s. "We just can't talk to Him in the classroom anymore." He lobbied incessantly for the right of children to pray in public schools.

"Can it really be true," he appealed in February 1984, "that the First Amendment can permit Nazis and Ku Klux Klansmen to march on public property, advocate the extermination of people of the Jewish faith and the subjugation of blacks, while the same amendment forbids our children from saying a prayer in school?" Reagan personally said a prayer at his high school commencement ceremony in Dixon, Ill., in 1928, quoting the New Testament's John 10:10.

Reagan thought it important to acknowledge God in school. Doing so reminded young people that they possessed sacred rights granted by the Almighty rather than by benevolent government bureaucrats who can arbitrarily take them away.

Worse, Reagan feared that if America turned its back on God, He might no longer shower the country with so many blessings. Reagan was fond of a phrase from Whittaker Chambers. "History is cluttered with the wreckage of nations that became indifferent to God, and died," wrote Chambers. Speaking at Georgetown University in October 1988, Reagan quoted Alexis de Tocqueville, author of the classic "Democracy in America": "Tocqueville said it in 1835, and it's as true today as it was then: 'Despotism may govern without faith, but liberty cannot. Religion is more needed in democratic societies than in any other.'" He warned his academic audience: "Learning is a good thing, but unless it's tempered by faith and a love of freedom, it can be very dangerous indeed."

Again, it's not always clear where figures from the past would stand on the issues of today. We can be confident, however, that Ronald Reagan would not be enthusiastic about removing God from the pledge of allegiance — and for reasons worth remembering.

Paul Kengor is author of *God and Ronald Reagan* (ReganBooks, HarperCollins, 2004) and professor of political science at Grove City College.

Marriage

Licenses

Gladys Perkins Blackburn, 52, to Freddy Elwynn Dawson, 46, both of Garrett.

Rena June Akers, 26, of McDowell, to Bobby Lee, 41, of Martin.

Jennifer C. Back, 32, of Portage, Ind., to Steven Duane

Banks, 27, of Prestonsburg.

Dana Vanderpool Smith, 54, of Martin, to Donnie Scaggs, 45, of Williamson, W.Va.

Sandra Lee Conley, 47, to Jesse Len Rudd, 50, both of Salyersville.

Tassy Lynn Hall, 19, to John M. Stumbo, 21, both of Martin.

Civil Suits Filed

Eunice Shepherd vs. Timothy E. Parsley, Kimberly Parsley, and Community Trust Bank; complaint.

Amanda Dawn Harrington vs. Roger Ray Harrington; divorce.

Bank of America vs. Jeffrey Spradlin; complaint.

Kendra Moore vs. Andy Moore; divorce.

Andrea Ousley vs. Brent Ousley; divorce.

Kevin Blackburn vs. Rhonda Blackburn; divorce.

Equitable Production Company vs. Kevin Bailey and Patricia Bailey; complaint.

Midland Credit Management vs. Sheila Murphy; complaint.

Dena R. Collett vs. Lucky Collett; petition for health care insurance.

Dakota A. Hallway vs. Crystal Hunter; petition for health care insurance.

Krystal Pinson vs. Columbus Slone; complaint.

Deutsche Bank National Trust Company vs. Helen Newsome; complaint.

Martin Lee Hayden vs. Karen Ward Hayden; divorce.

Loretta Ousley vs. Yusef Napora and Kentucky Farm Bureau; complaint.

Pikeville College vs. Joshua Wilson; complaint.

Green Tree Services vs. Louie Moore; complaint to foreclose security interest.

Wanda Lynn Justice vs. Kenneth Ray Justice; divorce.

Nelson Akers vs. Tami Denise Akers; divorce.

Darrin G. Wiley vs. Earl C.

Drayton; complaint.

Charges Filed

Charles Keith Hall, 25, Beaver; first-degree wanton endangerment.

David Joe Spradlin, 22, Prestonsburg; first-degree criminal mischief, second-degree assault.

Donnie E. Bentley, 29, Martin; third-degree attempted burglary, possession of burglar's tools, drinking in public, first-degree possession, prescription in improper container, harassment, disorderly conduct, third-degree criminal mischief, tampering with physical evidence.

Eugene R. Booth, 34, Catlettsburg; flagrant nonsupport.

Brian Neal Delong, 26, Town Branch; theft and second-degree forgery.

David Slone, 32, Auxier, terroristic threatening, menacing.

Gary M. Hunter, 24, Prestonsburg; alcohol intoxication and unlawful transaction with a minor.

Gwen C. Dingus, 48, Prestonsburg; third-degree possession, prescription in improper container.

Tasha Harris, 19, Dwale; alcohol intoxication.

Timothy M. Trimble, 47, Prestonsburg; disorderly conduct, third-degree possession, prescription in improper container.

Kevin Lee Woods, 29, Allen, public intoxication.

Inspections

Long John Silver's, Prestonsburg, regular inspection. Violations noted: Ice scoop found covered with soft drink residue, faucet head with a leak, waste container in food prep area not covered, floor around service area had food residue. Score: 95.

Pizza Hut, Prestonsburg, regular inspection. Violations

noted: Thermometer broken on dishwasher, toppings display not covered when not in use, clean plates not stored properly, oven hood in need of cleaning. Score: 95.

Skeans Shell Mart, Prestonsburg, regular inspection. Violations noted: Hot dog display without cover, outside dumpster uncovered and over-stuffed, restroom wall missing tile, lights in walk-in freezer not shielded. Score: Food 94, Retail 94.

Jenny Wiley Saddle Club, Prestonsburg, regular inspection. Violations noted: Countertops and wooden surfaces not protected from moisture and abrasion, walks and floor do not meet regulation for food service. Score: 95.

Dollar General, Stanville, regular inspection. Violations noted: Thermometers not easy to spot in display refrigerators and freezer units, dog food in back area stored on floor. Score: 97.

Green and Dairy Bar, Betsy Layne, regular inspection. Violations noted: Food contact surface in prep area in disrepair, floor in moderate disrepair. Score: 97.

Dairy Queen, Martin, regular inspection. Violations noted: Thermometers not provided in all freezer units, proper hair restraints worn improperly, bottom of walk-in refrigerator in disrepair, floor in food prep area in disrepair, lights in food prep area improperly shielded. Score: 95.

Hometown IGA, Martin, regular inspection. Violations noted: Spray bottle with unknown contents in storage area, walk-in refrigerator thermometers were hard to see, food items stored on floor of walk-in cooler, proper hair restraints not in use, door handle missing on upright freezer, hand drying device inoperable in both restrooms, ceilings in back area need repair, mop heads stored on floor. Score: food 94, retail 88.

Jerry's Market, Grethel, regular inspection. Violations noted: Thermometers not present in several cooling units, food items stored on floor, restroom doors not self-closing, floor in back area in disrepair, mops improperly stored. Score: 93.

Leatha's Carry Out, Grethel, regular inspection. Violations noted: Proper hair restraints not in use, restroom door not self-closing, mops improperly stored. Score: 94.

Jet's Pizza, Martin, regular inspection. Violations noted: Proper hair restraints not used, restroom door not self-closing, lights inoperable in food prep area. Score: 94.

Dollar General, Martin, regular inspection. Violations noted: display refrigerator and freezer units without thermometers, restroom door not self closing, restroom ceiling in disrepair. Score: Retail 95.

Brenda's Place, McDowell, regular inspection. Violations noted: Proper hair restraints not

in use, wiping cloth use not restricted and not stored sanitar-ily when not in use. Score: 98.

Little John's Shop, Wheelwright, regular inspection. Violations noted: Thermometers not present in all refrigerator and freezer units, food display shield in disrepair, restroom floor in disrepair, ceiling incomplete. Score: Retail 96.

Champs, McDowell, regular inspection. Violations noted: Thermometers not present in all refrigerator and freeze units, proper hair restraints not in use, wiping cloth use not restricted, floors in moderate disrepair. Score: 96.

Dollar General Inc., Allen, regular inspection. Violations noted: Display refrigerator and freezer units with hard to find thermometers, men's restroom without tissue, floor in retail section of store in disrepair. Score: Retail 96.

Speedway, Prestonsburg on North Lake Dr., regular inspection. Violations noted: Walk-in thermometers not functioning properly, floor in back area missing tile, mop head stored on floor. Score: Retail 94, Food 94.

Action Express Mart, Prestonsburg, follow up inspection. Violations noted: All items from last inspection corrected.

Property

Transfers

Leonard Hall and Bulavene Hall to Steven E. Haywood and Deborah Haywood, property located, Country Oaks Subdivision, Little Mud Creek.

Leonard Martin to Roy Hall, property location not listed.

Robert L. Burchett and Roslyn H. Burchett, Tom O. McGuire and Orella B. McGuire to Martin R. Minix and Lisa Minix, property location not listed.

Geneva Perry to Clay Compton and Wayne Compton, property located, Spurlock Fork of Middle Creek.

Green Tree Servicing, LLC, to Rosanne Coleman, property located, Pinhook Hill Road.

James Williamson, Mark Link and Laura Link, Terry Fitzer to HLT Properties, LLC, property located, Rough and Tough Road.

James Williamson, Marl Link and Laura Link to HLT Properties, LLC, property location not listed.

James E. Williamson, Mark Link and Laura Link to HLT Properties, LLC, property located, Sally Stephens Branch of Middle Creek.

Floyd County Board of Education to Commonwealth of Kentucky, property location not listed.

Floyd County Board of Education to Commonwealth of Kentucky, property location not listed.

May Bell Crites to John Randall Crum and Charlotte Crum, property location not listed.

Pelphrey Investments LLC,

(See RECORD, page eight)

In Memoriam



Memorial services for Oliver and Maude Barnes Ratliff will be held at Christ United Methodist Church at Allen, Kentucky, March 27, 2004, at 2 p.m.

Oliver was the son of the late Allen and Mary Ann Ratliff of Langley, Kentucky.

He passed away, March 4, 2004, in Mission Commons Retirement Center, in Redlands, California.

Maude Barnes Ratliff was the daughter of Alfonso and Gertrude Ross Barnes of Harveyville, Kansas. She passed away, April 30, 2003, in Mission Commons Retirement Center.

Both were cremated at the Emmerson Bartlett Memorial Chapel in Redlands, California, and the ashes scattered at sea, off the coast of Los Angeles, California.

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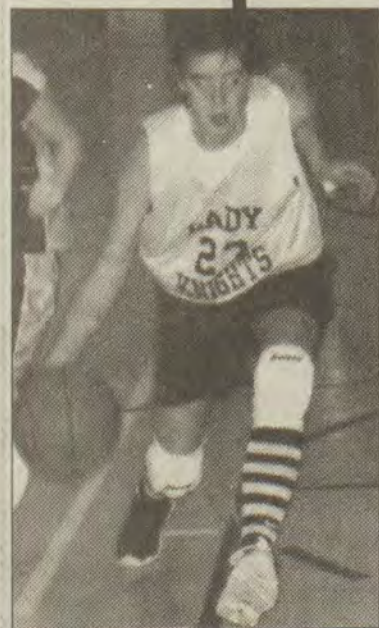


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NOTICE OF BLASTING SCHEDULE

APPLICATION NUMBER 836-0292

In accordance with the provisions of 405 KAR 16:120E, Section 3, notice is hereby given that The Raven Co., Inc., P.O. Box 547, Bluff City, Tennessee 37618, (423) 538-9009, proposes the following blasting schedule. The blasting site consists of approximately 257.57 acres located at Grethel in Floyd County, Kentucky.

The area is located approximately 1.54 miles south from State Route 1426's junction with State Route 979 and located at Grethel at Latitude 37° 30'15" and Longitude 82E°37'56". Detonations of explosives are proposed to occur daily, sunrise to sunset, from March 31, 2004 to March 31, 2005. Entry to the blasting area will be regulated by signs and barriers. An authorized company representative (flagman) will prohibit access to the blasting area by unauthorized persons at least ten minutes prior to each detonation. The pre-detonation warning signal shall consist of a one (1) minute series of long siren blasts five (5) minutes prior to detonation. The blast signal shall consist of a one (1) minute series of short siren blasts prior to detonation. The all clear signal shall consist of a prolonged siren blast following the inspection of the blast site. All roads leading to or near the blast site will remain closed until the all clear signal is given. The warning and all clear signal will be audible within one-half (1/2) mile from the blast point. Signs will be posted and maintained which outline the blasting schedule and the meaning of the blast warning signals. Events which could lead to blasting at times other than scheduled include but are not limited to rain, lightning, or other atmospheric conditions which involve personnel, operational, or public safety. If conditions occur that require blasting at times other than the normally scheduled blasting hours, the audible signals described above will be used to warn the public of the blasting activity.

Burglary suspect charged with swallowing evidence

by MARY MUSIC
STAFF WRITER

MARTIN — An man accused in the attempted burglary of a local pharmacy allegedly tried to take the upper hand this week, by ingesting pills found in his possession as an officer was counting them.

Donnie E. Bentley, 29, of Martin, was picked up by officers with the Martin City Police and the Floyd County Sheriff's Department Tuesday after reports to the precinct indicated that he was attempting to burglarize Reid's Pharmacy in Martin.

According to the arrest report, a cell phone call to the police department alleged that a man, who disguised himself by painting his face black, wearing dark clothing and a hooded shirt, was suspiciously

hanging around the pharmacy, shaking doors and looking into the windows.

Martin Police officer Brian Prater and Sgt. Steve Little of the Floyd County Sheriff's department said they found Bentley standing beside the pharmacy, dressed as described.

During the investigation, the officers recovered several burglar's tools from Bentley, including screwdrivers, wire cutters and a flashlight.

Bentley, initially charged with third-degree attempted burglary, possession of burglar's tools, public intoxication and first-degree drug possession, was additionally charged with tampering with physical evidence after he allegedly ingested pills found in his possession while Prater was counting them.

"I was counting pills that

the subject [Bentley] had in an improper container," Prater wrote in the citation. "While I wasn't looking, the subject took all but one pill. After I left, jailers advised that subject [Bentley] stated I couldn't charge him with the pills since they weren't in my possession."

Bentley was arraigned on the charges Tuesday in district court, the same day he was arraigned on several charges standing against him in circuit court from a February indictment.

A grand jury charged

Bentley Feb. 9 with first-degree wanton endangerment, fleeing or evading the police, driving on a DUI-suspended license, reckless driving, improper passing and being a persistent felon.

Bentley has a long and vivid criminal history record, stemming back to 1994, when he was given a one-year suspended sentence for a third-degree burglary charge. He served two years on a theft charge in 1999, was given a suspended sentence in 2000 for a fourth-degree aggravated assault charge and a resisting

arrest charge. In addition to several traffic-related misdemeanor charges given him since 1994, he was also fined last year for marijuana possession and lost his license for driving under the influence.

He is scheduled for a preliminary hearing Friday on the burglary charges and a pretrial conference for the indictment charges against him in June.

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Proposal to put explorer's name on Kentucky highway heads to full Senate

The Associated Press

FRANKFORT — A proposal to name a stretch of road in southeastern Kentucky after Daniel Boone won approval from a Senate committee Thursday.

The Senate State and Local Government Committee approved a resolution that would designate a stretch of U.S. 25E the "Daniel Boone Wilderness Trail." The proposal now goes to the full Senate.

Boone's name had already been on a major parkway in the area. However, his name was taken off by former Gov. Paul Patton's administration last year so the highway could be named after U.S. Rep. Harold "Hal" Rogers.

Rogers is a Republican who

used his chairmanship on a budget subcommittee to bring federal highway money to the region. Still, the name change angered Boone descendants.

Rep. Brent Yonts, D-Greenville, proposed a resolution in February to honor the frontiersman.

His initial proposal called for restoring the explorer's name to the parkway but with double billing: the Daniel Boone-Hal Rogers Parkway.

Instead, lawmakers settled on a compromise that would keep Rogers' name on the major parkway and still give the frontiersman recognition.

Under the plan, Boone's name would be added to a section of U.S. 25E from Corbin to the Cumberland Gap.

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AUDITOR OF PUBLIC ACCOUNTS

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Honorable John Blackburn, Floyd County Sheriff
Members of the Floyd County Fiscal Court

Independent Auditor's Report

We have audited the Floyd County Sheriff's Settlement - 2002 Taxes as of August 11, 2003. This tax settlement is the responsibility of the Floyd County Sheriff. Our responsibility is to express an opinion on this financial statement based on our audit.

We conducted our audit in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America, the standards applicable to financial audits contained in Government Auditing Standards issued by the Comptroller General of the United States, and the Audit Guide for Sheriff's Tax Settlements issued by the Auditor of Public Accounts, Commonwealth of Kentucky. Those standards require that we plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statement is free of material misstatement. An audit includes examining, on a test basis, evidence supporting the amounts and disclosures in the financial statement. An audit also includes assessing the accounting principles used and significant estimates made by management, as well as evaluating the overall financial statement presentation. We believe that our audit provides a reasonable basis for our opinion.

As described in Note 1, the Sheriff's office prepares the financial statement on a prescribed basis of accounting that demonstrates compliance with the modified cash basis and laws of Kentucky, which is a comprehensive basis of accounting other than accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

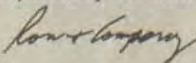
In our opinion, the accompanying financial statement referred to above presents fairly, in all material respects, the Floyd County Sheriff's taxes charged, credited, and paid as of August 11, 2003, in conformity with the modified cash basis of accounting.

In accordance with Government Auditing Standards, we have also issued our report dated December 11, 2003, on our consideration of the Sheriff's internal control over financial reporting and on our tests of its compliance with certain provisions of laws, regulations, contracts, and grants. That report is an integral part of an audit performed in accordance with Government Auditing Standards and should be read in conjunction with this report in considering the results of our audit.

Based on the results of our audit, we present the accompanying comment and recommendation, included herein, which discusses the following report comment:

- The Sheriff Should Distribute Interest Earned On Tax Collections Monthly

Respectfully submitted,



Ross & Company, PLLC

Audit fieldwork completed - December 11, 2003

The above transmittal letter accompanied the audit report presented to the fiscal court. KRS 43.090(2) requires that this letter be published in this newspaper. Copies of the complete audit report, including the accompanying financial statements and additional information, are available in the reports section of the Auditor of Public Accounts' website at www.kyauditor.net or upon request by contacting the Auditor of Public Accounts, 105 Sea Hero Road, Suite 2, Frankfort, KY 40601, or by calling 1-800-247-9126.



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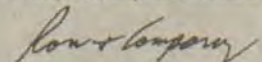
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- The Sheriff Should Require Depository Institutions To Pledge Or Provide Sufficient Collateral To Protect Deposits
- The Fiscal Court Shall Set Maximum Salary Allowed For Deputies

Respectfully submitted,



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Community Calendar

CALENDAR ITEMS WILL BE PRINTED AS SPACE PERMITS

Editor's note: To announce your community event, you may hand-deliver your item to The Floyd County Times office, located at 263 S. Central Avenue, Prestonsburg; or mail to: The Floyd County Times, P.O. Box 390, Prestonsburg, KY 41653; or fax to 606-886-3603; or email to: features@floydcountytimes.com. Information will not be taken over the telephone. All items will be placed on a first-come, first-serve basis as space permits

BIG SANDY SENIOR GAMES

The Big Sandy ADD is currently taking applications for the 19th annual Big Sandy Senior Games event, which will take place at the Dewey Lake Down Stream area on Friday, May 21, 2004. Games include bowling (held May 14, at the Mark III in Pikeville) billiards, mile walk, football toss,

softball toss, horseshoes, and bingo, among others. Medals will be awarded for first, second, and third-place finishes in all events. The event is open to all residents, 55 or older, in Floyd, Johnson, Magoffin, Martin, and Pike counties. Call 1-200-737-2723 for more information.

BLHS CLASS OF '94

The Betsy Layne High School Class of 1994 will hold their 10-year class reunion on July 24, 2004. Call 478-3253 or 587-1028 for more information.

MAYTOWN HOMECOMING 2004

Homecoming event will be held Memorial weekend, May 28-31, at the Maytown Lifetime Learning Center. Registration will be held Friday, May 28, from 3-6 p.m. A traditional Gospel Sing will be held at 7 p.m. Saturday, May 29 - Registration and full day of scheduled events. Sunday, May 30 - Church services. Those wishing to partic-

ipate in the gospel sing event may email: coachf@mikrotec.com. Those wishing to donate items to the auction may price and mail items to: Ruth Martin, P.O. Box 186, Eastern, KY, 41622. Those who wish to share in the breakfast, noon and evening meals should send \$20 each to: Betty Frasure, P.O. Box 17, Langley, KY 41645; those who wish to skip the breakfast meal should send \$15. Those who wish to visit only and not share in meals are welcome to do so.

FUN FAIR

"Fun Fair for Expectant and New Parents" will be held on April 17, from 9:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m., at the Mountain Arts Center. Mini-workshops, educational information, exhibits, door prizes, goody bags and refreshments. All expectant parents and parents of children up to one year of age are invited to attend.

PHS CLASS OF '69

The Prestonsburg High School Class of 1969 will hold

a reunion on Saturday, September 4, 2004 (Labor Day weekend), at the May Lodge, Jenny Wiley State Park. Pre-dinner meeting will be held from 5-6 p.m.; Dinner will be at 6 p.m., in Lodge dining room; Reunion meeting following dinner, from 8 p.m. until midnight in Lodge conference rooms. For more info., contact Ken & Jan at 886-8328, or Mike at 886-0252.

HRMC CALENDAR..

■ March 25 - Diabetes Support Group, 5-7 p.m., Floyd Room.

■ March 25 - Alzheimer's Support Group, 6-7 p.m., Johnson County Library.

All classes free of charge - call 886-8511 for more information.

FREE BODY RECALL CLASSES

Free Body Recall Exercise Classes will be held Monday, Wednesday, and Friday, at 9:30, at the Presbyterian Church in Prestonsburg. Classes are held Monday,

Wednesday, and Thursday, at 11 a.m. at the old R & S Building. Classes are offered by the Floyd County Health Department. Call the health department, 886-2788, for more information.

'EARN WHILE YOU LEARN'

The Big Sandy Area C.A.P. office is taking applications for its "Senior Training Program." You must be 55 or older to apply. In Floyd, call 886-2929; Johnson, call 789-6515; Magoffin, call 349-2217; Pike, call 432-2775; and in Lawrence, call 638-4067.

"LOOKING FOR A SUPPORT GROUP?"

■ Alzheimer's Association Care-giver Support Group - Meets on the second Tuesday of each month at the First Presbyterian Church (near Jerry's Restaurant), at 7 p.m. For more info., call Dana Caudill at 886-0265.

■ Alzheimer's Association, East-ern KY Regional Office - 24-hour Helpline, call 1-800-

272-3900 for emotional support, local resources, and other information.

■ Fibromyalgia Support Group - Meets first Tuesday of each month at 6 p.m., at the Betsy Layne Senior Citizens Building, on the Pike-Floyd Hollow Road (just above the Betsy Layne Fire Dept.). For more info., call Sharon at 478-5224, or Phyllis at 874-2769.

■ MS Support Group - Meets third Monday of each month at 7:00 p.m. at the Seton Complex, Martin. Offers group support for MS patients and their caregivers.

■ Overeater's Anonymous (O.A.) - Meets each Monday, at 3:30 p.m., at the St. Martha Catholic Church, Water Gap Road. For more info., call 886-2513.

■ Community Weight Loss Support Group - To meet Thursday's at 6:30 p.m., at the Martin Community Center, beginning Feb. 5. For more info., call 377-6658. Those who have had gastric bypass surgery most especially welcome to attend. Meetings being offered as support to anyone needing extra support in dealing with weight loss.

■ Domestic Violence Hotline - 24-hour Crisis Line manned by Certified Domestic Violence counselors. Call 886-6025, or 1-800-649-6605. Remember, "Love Doesn't Have to Hurt."

■ Kentucky Baptist Homes for Children - Free, confidential assistance for unplanned pregnancy concerns. Talk with someone who cares about you and your baby. Call 1-800-928-5242.

■ Disabled? - You may be eligible for grant money to assist in your daily living. For an application or more information, call 886-4326.

■ A.S.K. (Adoption Support for Kentucky) - Support group for all adoptive parents (public, private, international, and kinship care), foster parents and all others interested in adoption. To meet the 2nd Thursday of each month, at Pizza Hut, in Prestonsburg. For more information, contact Nelva Skaggs, adoptive parent liaison, at Blueboy@foothills.net.

■ East Kentucky S.T.A.R.S. Homeschoolers - Will hold monthly meetings at the Paintsville Recreation Center. For more information, call Trudy at 889-9333, or 297-5147. Everyone welcome.

■ Narcotics Anonymous (NA) - Each Wednesday, from 7-8 p.m., in the Atrium Conference Room, 2nd floor, May Tower, Pikeville Methodist Hospital. For more info., contact Chris Cook at 606-433-1119 or christopher-cook@hotmail.com.

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to James C. Ousley and Elaine Ousley, property located near Bonanza.

James Kidd Jr., to Johnny Charles, property located, Little Mud Creek.

Willis Newman and Joyce Newman to Judy Roberts, property location not listed.

Wayne Cleetis Jervis to Margaret Ann Jervis Preece, property located, Auxier.

Dennis Martin to Lillian Carol Ramey and Jonathan Ramey and Denzil Ray Martin, property location not listed.

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More than 125 well-wishers gathered at the Holiday Inn in Prestonsburg Tuesday evening to support the re-election campaign of state Sen. Johnny Ray Turner. Turner represents the 29th senatorial district which now includes Floyd, Knott, Letcher and Breathitt counties.



The new Morehead University Extended Campus building on the grounds of Big Sandy Community and Technical College, at Prestonsburg, will begin operations Monday with an official opening slated for the summer.

Man accused of trying to hit woman with car

by MARY MUSIC
STAFF WRITER

TEABERRY — The Floyd County Sheriff's Department charged a Ligon man with first-degree wanton endangerment after he allegedly attempted to hit a woman with his car.

According to a criminal sum-

mons issued in district court, Charles Hall, 25, attempted to hit Teaberry resident Dorothy Hall with his car at Dee's Market in Teaberry March 14, causing her to jump out of his way.

Hall pleaded not guilty during his arraignment in district court this week and is scheduled for a preliminary hearing today.



Photo by Joyal Frazier

Chuck Childers, resident engineer and project manager with Highway District 12, said that work to widen University Drive in Prestonsburg to add a center turn lane is expected to continue until late fall. "There will be detours from time to time," Childers said, "especially after the first month or so. We ask that motorists observe the speed limit in the area and the special construction work zone and detour signs. We know that there will be some minor inconvenience to motorists while these improvements are under way, and we thank everyone in advance for their patience and understanding."

MSU-P'burg in midst of move

by TOM DOTY
STAFF WRITER

PRESTONSBURG — Spring break for most Morehead State University staff usually means a week at Myrtle Beach, but for the director of the Big Sandy Branch, it means packing up every supply so that classes can begin next Monday at their new building on the campus of the Big Sandy Community and Technical College.

While most of the staff and students enjoyed a respite from the semester's activities this week, Director Lula Bowling and extended campus assistant Dawonna Prater are spending the time packing up supplies for the movers who are coming Monday morning. Despite the arduous work, both women could not contain their joy at the prospect of moving into the new location.

"This building has served us well but we outgrew it a long time ago," Bowling said.

The new building is opening for most students Monday, but the "Distance Learning

Center" will remain at the Highlands Plaza location until computer lines are finished being installed at the new site.

"We will have to have staff at both locations for awhile, but it's worth the stretch," Bowling said.

The new location means that students can conceivably get their bachelor's degree in Prestonsburg for several disciplines. Social work, education majors, nursing and even some graduate programs will be offered, with more to hopefully follow.

Bowling was clear about the importance of the institution.

"We want to be a greater resource to all students in the area," she said. "Many students leave the mountains for college but now we are offering an alternative that brings the education to the mountains."

An official opening ceremony has been tentatively set for Friday, June 4. The building will be christened on that date and will be named "The Morehead Regional Campus Center."

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GIRLS' SWEET 16

Christian County ousts Rockcastle County

TIMES STAFF REPORT

BOWLING GREEN — Christian County scored nearly 40 points off over 30 Rockcastle County turnovers Thursday afternoon and eliminated the Rockets, winning 57-43 in the first round of the Houchens Industries Girls Sweet 16.

Christian County's Arnika Brown scored 24 points, hitting 11 of 16 shots from the floor. She was a perfect two of two from the free throw line.

Sophomore sensation Arnika Brown picked up the slack for Stiger, scoring 24 points, hitting

Christian County also got double-figure scoring performances from Shaleea Petty and Lydia Watkins, who scored 13 and 11 points, respectively.

Junior forward Heather Hammond led Rockcastle County (30-4) with 16 points.

Christian County (31-3) awaited the winner of the Pike County Central-East Carter first-round game.

Information on Pike Central's run in the state tournament will appear in Sunday's edition.

CHEERLEADING

Allen to host cheerleading camp

TIMES STAFF REPORT

PRESTONSBURG — Prestonsburg High School will be the site of a cheerleading camp both today and Saturday. Today's camp, for those in grades K-4, will be held from 4-8 p.m. Two camp sessions will be held on Saturday. The first session on Saturday will run from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. and is for those in grades 5-8. The second session is for high school cheerleaders, or those in grades 9-12. The final session will run from 2-6 p.m.

The camp will feature John Ireland, owner of Lexington Gymnastics and Cheer, and two current University of Kentucky cheerleaders, Tara Carter and Elizabeth Ferendach, UCA camp coaches for high schools and UK.

(See HOST, page two)

Bengals re-sign strong safety to three-year deal

CINCINNATI — The Cincinnati Bengals re-signed strong safety Rogers Beckett to a three-year deal on Thursday. Beckett had become an unrestricted free agent after the 2003 season. Beckett, a fifth-year player from Marshall, started nine games for the Bengals last season and was fourth in tackles with 87. He had two interceptions. Beckett was with San Diego his first three seasons. —THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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MARTIN JUNIOR PRO ALL STARS CO-ED — Coach Brad Hall. Sitting, from left to right: Miranda Miller, Hannah MacElhose, Bradley Hall, Zachary Tackett, James Allen. Standing, from left to right: Samantha Hall, Kelli Akers, DeShea Elliott, Shane Hall, Seaton Hall, Gary Arnett. Assistant coach Lenny Hall.

Martin Junior Pro teams back in national tournament

by STEVE LeMASTER
 SPORTS EDITOR

MARTIN — Two Martin Junior Pro Basketball teams will again compete with squads from across the nation when the National Junior Tournament begins today in Knoxville, Tenn.

Earning the right to participate in the national tourney, the Martin Junior Pro teams have proven that

they have what it takes to compete at the top level — national competition.

Martin Junior Pro teams of the past have had success at the national level.

The two teams competing in this year's tournament are the the Martin Junior Pro All Stars and the All Stars Co-ed.

In 1984, the Martin Junior Pro girls' junior varsity team won a

national championship. In 1985, the Martin junior varsity girls took second-place.

Last year, the Martin junior varsity boys finished third. In 2002, a boys junior varsity team finished second.

And the accomplishments of the Martin league haven't went unnoticed.

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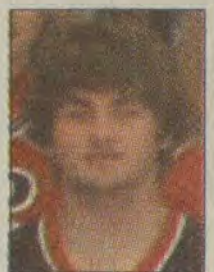
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MARTIN JUNIOR PRO ALL STARS — Coach Kevin Webb. Sitting, from left to right: Cory Grigsby, Jimmy Helton, Mason Nelson, Elias Little. Standing, from left to right: Andrew Webb, Austin Salisbury, Cameron Hamilton, Jacob Crager, Matthew Ison, Zachery Hall. Not pictured: Blake Dean, Blake Branham, Assistant coach Caleb Dean.

Stephens to visit Nebraska

by STEVE LeMASTER
 SPORTS EDITOR

PRESTONSBURG — Prestonsburg High School junior three-sport athlete John Mark Stephens will visit the University of Nebraska next week when the school hosts high school juniors from across the nation. While there, Stephens, who will be joined on the trip by Prestonsburg High assistant football coach James DeRossett, will take the opportunity to take in some of Nebraska's spring football practices sessions.



Stephens

Stephens, who helped the Prestonsburg High boys' basketball team to a 58th District championship, plays three sports — football, basketball and baseball.

"This will be a great opportunity for John Mark," said Prestonsburg head football coach John DeRossett. "We're all excited for him."

Stephens was a leading tackler for the Prestonsburg High grid team during the 2003 season, playing both offense and defense.

Kentucky seniors release barnstorming schedule

TIMES STAFF REPORT

LEXINGTON — Kentucky basketball seniors Antwan Barbour, Erik Daniels, Gerald Fitch, Cliff Hawkins and Matt Heissenbittel will begin the annual Barnstorming Tour next Friday, April 2 with an autograph session at Man O' War Ford in Lexington. The group will play at least 14 games and hold additional autograph sessions throughout the tri-state area over the next two months.

The five players will suit up against local players from as far west as Paducah and as far east as Pikeville. The group also will travel to Middletown, Ohio and Tell City, Ind. Rafferty's is the official sponsor of the tour. Dates are still being added and are subject to change. Additional former UK players will join the seniors based on availability.

Stops in Eastern Kentucky may be added.

After each game, the group will hold a public autograph session, where fans can purchase special Barnstorming merchandise for autograph purposes. Admission prices will run from \$5 to

(See SCHEDULE, page two)

BASEBALL

Spring training baseball camps set for next week

TIMES STAFF REPORT

LEXINGTON — The University of Kentucky baseball program will offer its Spring Training Camp next week, Monday through Thursday at Cliff Hagan Stadium.

The camp, for ages 6-14, will run from 9 a.m. to 12 noon each day and will include work with throwing mechanics, defensive fundamentals, base running, hitting mechanics and strength and conditioning.

Competitions and controlled games also will be a part of the camp.

The cost of the camp is \$120 per camper and includes a camp t-shirt as well as a video analysis of throwing and hitting. Anyone interested in registering should contact Phillip Sledge or Brad Bohannon at the Kentucky baseball office, by phone at 859/257-3013 or via e-mail at kentucky-

(See CAMPS, page two)



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The photo to the left was taken recently at the Wayland Historical Society Building. The three individuals pictured are all former basketball players, having played for Wayland and Prestonsburg high schools back in the 1940s. Wayland went to the state tournament twice and set records in that era. Pictured from left to right are Edd De Coursey and Carl Fraley of Wayland, and Barkley Sturgill of Prestonsburg.

Briefs: A-Rod exits game following hit in the face

THE ASSOCIATED PRESS
 TAMPA, Fla. — The New York Yankees had a scare — but apparently nothing more — when third baseman Alex Rodriguez was hit in the face by a deflected ball and left a spring training game against the Boston Red Sox.
 The reigning AL MVP was taken to the hospital as a precaution. A CT scan was negative, and he was diagnosed with a bruised left cheekbone.
 Brian Daubach was on first base when Kevin Millar doubled to left field. Hideki Matsui fielded the ball and threw to third, but it hit Daubach on the leg as he slid

and ricocheted into Rodriguez's face below his left eye.
MONTREAL — The Montreal Expos are back on English-language television in Canada.
 The team agreed on a deal with The Score Television Network to show between 25 and 35 regular-season Expos games as part of the network's national English-language package. It will begin with the 2004 home opener against

Philadelphia on April 23 but the majority of games will be road contests.
ST. PETERSBURG, Fla. — Fred McGriff, nine homers shy of 500 for his career, was re-assigned to the Tampa Bay Devil Rays' minor league camp.
 The 40-year-old McGriff hit .250 with two RBIs in limited playing time in spring training.

(See BRIEFS, page five)

Teams

Bob Black, National Director of Junior Pro, recognized Martin Junior Pro as a model for all programs in the nation to follow.
 Martin Junior Pro's mission is to use basketball as a tool to build character and allow players to have fun while learning.
 Many people have worked hard to make Martin Junior Pro

the successful program it is today.
 Patsy Gearheart, league director, has given 19 years of devotion. Official scorer Scotty Yates has put in 14 years. League president Johnny Mayo is in his 32nd year at the top of the league.
 In recent years, Carol Prater, Kevin Webb and Brad Hall have all made many contributions.
 Webb and Hall will each lead Martin Junior pro teams into national tournament competition.

The national tournament will get underway today and run through Sunday.

Schedule

\$10 a ticket depending on location.
 For more information on this year's tour, contact Steve Goodson at 859/621-5030 or Chris Briggs at 859/621-0562.

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A tentative schedule follows:

Autograph Sessions Only

Friday, April 2 Man O'War Ford
 Saturday, April 3 Mall St. Matthews
 Sunday, April 4 Fans 1st Choice
 Saturday, April 24 Lexington Horsemen

Lexington TBA
 Louisville TBA
 Middletown, Ohio 3-5 p.m.
 Lexington 7:30 p.m.

Game and Autograph Session

Monday, April 12 Harrodsburg HS 7 p.m.	Harrodsburg 7 p.m.
Tuesday, April 13 Ryle HS 7:30 p.m.	Union 7:30 p.m.
Thursday, April 15 Elizabethtown HS 7 p.m.	Elizabethtown 7 p.m.
Friday, April 16 Hopkinsville HS 7 p.m.	Hopkinsville 7 p.m.
Saturday, April 17 Owensboro Catholic HS 7 p.m.	Owensboro 7 p.m.
Sunday, April 18 Nelson Co. HS 2 p.m.	Bardstown 2 p.m.
Tuesday, April 20 Franklin Co. HS 7 p.m.	Frankfort 7 p.m.
Friday, April 23 Greenwood HS 7 p.m.	Bowling Green 7 p.m.
Sunday, April 25 Pulaski Co. HS 2 p.m.	Somerset 2 p.m.
Friday, April 30 Marshall Co. HS 7:30 p.m.	Draffenville 7:30 p.m.
Sunday, May 2 Clark Co. HS 2 p.m.	Winchester 2 p.m.
Tuesday, May 4 Green Co. HS 7 p.m.	Greensburg 7 p.m.
Thursday, May 6 Louisville Male HS 7 p.m.	Louisville 7 p.m.
Friday, May 7 Tell City HS 7 p.m.	Tell City, Ind. 7 p.m.

BASEBALL

Acevedo getting another shot at rotation

by JOE KAY
 ASSOCIATED PRESS

LAKELAND, Fla. — Whenever things would go badly, Jose Acevedo knew only one thing to do.

He'd throw harder.
 It wasn't the best thing to do, and it certainly wasn't the way to go about securing a spot in the Cincinnati Reds' rotation. Still, the right-hander couldn't seem to shake the habit.

Things go wrong, he throws harder, things get worse.

That might be changing.

The right-hander seems to be figuring out what it takes to win a spot on a major league roster. Acevedo, 26, is one of four candidates for two open spots in the rotation, and his manager likes what he sees.

"I think he has matured tremendously," manager Dave Miley said Wednesday, before a night game against Detroit. "He's always had good stuff. He got hurt on some pitches that quite honestly were right down the middle."

Acevedo struggled with his control Wednesday for the first time in spring training, giving up two hits and one run but walking four in four innings. He didn't walk anyone in his first four games.

Still, he didn't compound the problem by losing his poise, even when he thought the home plate umpire had a small strike zone.

"It's not about the umpires. He missed, and I missed too," Acevedo said. "It's all part of the game. Be consistent, just throw the pitch where you want it."

The Reds have been impressed with Acevedo's pitches for years. The way he

uses them often gave pause.

He was one of four pitchers called up from Double-A in 2001, when the Reds decided to put some of their top prospects on the fast track. At one point, the rotation included four rookies.

His rapid ascent soon leveled off.

Acevedo has bounced between the majors and Triple-A in each of the last two seasons, falling off the fast track. He even wound up pitching out of the bullpen, a foreboding sign in an organization that had plenty of relievers but was desperate for starters.

He made a good last impression last season, getting Miley's attention after a promotion in late July. Acevedo made one relief appearance and four starts, going 3-1.

Miley noticed that Acevedo was showing more composure and more maturity, especially when things went wrong. He's had the same demeanor this spring, keeping him in con-

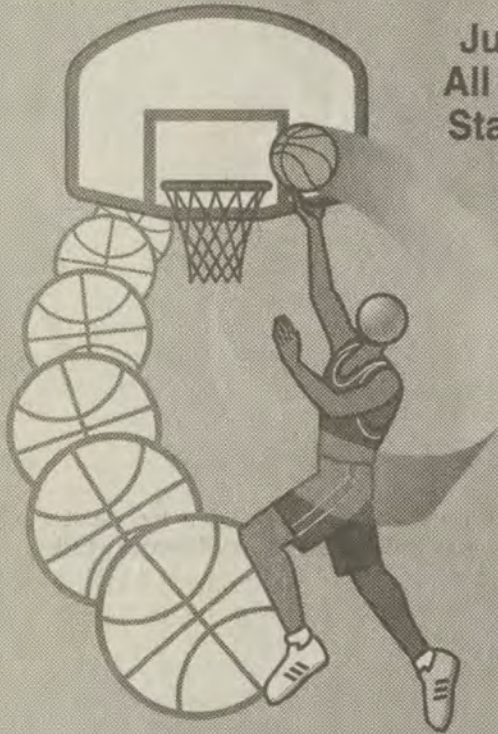
tention for a job.

"I guess the way to put it is mound presence," Miley said. "Mistakes are going to happen, and sometimes it's how you allow a mistake to affect you on the mound. I think that's one thing he's taken a giant step with. He's been able to keep going after he makes a mistake."

Notes: 3B Brandon Larson was out of the lineup again. He hasn't played since March 10 because of a sprained big toe on his right foot. Dr. Timothy Kremchek will examine him in the next few days and decide if he's ready to return. Larson has appeared in only five games this spring, and Miley doesn't know if he'll have enough time to get ready for opening day. "That remains to be seen," Miley said. "I can't even set a timetable. If you ask me early next week, I'll give you a better idea." ... Miley is leaning toward keeping 12 pitchers on the staff. They have 17 left in camp.

ATHLETES OF THE WEEK

Martin Junior Pro All Stars, All Stars Co-ed



Host

Ireland and the two UK cheerleaders will instruct on cheers, stunts, jumps and techniques. Cost of the camp is \$30. Registration may be done in advance by calling Rachel Allen, 874-8851, or Bernadine Isaac at Allen Elementary, 874-2165.
 The camp is sponsored by the Allen Elementary cheerleaders.

Camps

baseball@uky.edu. Online registration is also available at www.ukathletics.com. Walk-ups will be accepted with an additional \$10 administrative fee.
 John Cohen, whose career includes success as a player and assistant coach in the Southeastern Conference, and as a head coach at Northwestern (La.) State, is the new head baseball coach at Kentucky. He replaced longtime head coach Keith Madison.

Reds sign Jones to minor league deal

THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

SARASOTA, Fla. — Reliever Todd Jones signed a minor-league contract with the Cincinnati Reds on Thursday, a day after he was released by Tampa Bay.

Jones, who turns 36 next month, gave up seven hits and five walks in seven innings with

the Devil Rays this spring. Jones has pitched for Houston, Detroit, Minnesota, Colorado and Boston. He was 1-4 with an 8.24 ERA in 33 games last season for the Rockies, who designated him for assignment to the minors. He signed with the Red Sox on July 2 and went 2-1 with a 5.52 ERA in 26 games.

Reds 11, Tigers 6

by HARRY ATKINS
 ASSOCIATED PRESS

LAKELAND, Fla. — Jose Acevedo, vying for a spot in the Cincinnati rotation, pitched four solid innings in the Reds' 11-6 exhibition victory over Detroit on Wednesday night.

Jason LaRue, Jacob Cruz and Adam Dunn homered for the Reds.

Acevedo (2-0), making his fifth appearance and start of the spring, allowed one run on two hits with four walks and five strikeouts, leaving the game with a 6-1 lead.

Meanwhile, Esteban Yan, one of three battling for the No. 5 spot in the Tigers' rotation, did little to help his chances. Yan (2-1) gave up six runs on five hits — including successive homers in the first — and five walks in 2 2-3 innings.

Ryan Freel started the Reds' four-run first with a walk, moved up on a passed ball and stolen base — both off backup catcher Brandon Inge. Austin Kearns followed with an RBI

single then scored on LaRue's second homer of the spring. Cruz followed with a solo homer, his second.

Cruz had an RBI grounder and Juan Castro an RBI single, both off Yan, as the Reds made it 6-1 in the third.

Shane Loux relieved Yan and gave up five runs on five hits, including Dunn's two-run homer in the sixth, his third, giving the Reds an 11-1 lead.

Fernando Vina walked in the Detroit first and scored from first on Rondell White's double.

Andres Torres and Eric Munson each had RBI doubles off Brandon Claussen as Detroit pulled to 11-5 with a four-run sixth.

Jason Smith hit Detroit's fifth double, driving in a run in the ninth. Notes: The Tigers sent right-hander Ariel Prieto back to their minor league camp Wednesday. Prieto, who signed as a minor league free agent in November, had given up nine runs on 11 hits and six walks in 8 2-3 innings of exhibition work. ... Inge, who has been

used at several infield positions after losing his Detroit catching job to Ivan Rodriguez, started behind the plate in this game. But the rust showed. Inge let several balls get away from him, including two that were charged as passed balls allowing runners to move up. In both cases, the runners eventually scored. ... The Reds threw out Detroit runners at the plate in the first and third innings.

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Pelfrey wins season opener on Lake Cumberland

Atkinson takes Boater Division big-bass honors

SPECIAL TO THE TIMES

MONTICELLO — The 2004 Wal-Mart Bass Fishing League Mountain Division season kicked off Saturday on Lake Cumberland near Monticello,

and Jonathan Pelfrey of Rockwood, Tenn., claimed the win thanks to a five-bass catch weighing 17 pounds, 12 ounces. He bested 198 Boater Division competitors to earn \$4,986 and 200 points.

Pelfrey caught his tournament-winning bass flipping a jig. The tournament was his first career BFL event.

Rounding out the top five boaters are Craig Delk of Stanford (four bass, 15 pounds,

14 ounces, \$2,493); John Devere of Berea (five bass, 13 pounds, 11 ounces, \$1,695); Mark Denney of Eubank (four bass, 11 pounds, 12 ounces, \$1,296); and Rex Pendergrass of Bristol, Tenn. (five bass, 11 pounds, 10 ounces, \$1,097).

Mitchell Atkinson of Betsy Layne claimed Boater Division big-bass honors and \$990 thanks to a 5-pound, 10-ounce bass that he caught on a black and blue jig. Devere earned a \$500 bonus

from Ranger Boats as the highest-finishing participant in the Ranger Cup incentive program.

Denny Cole of Rockwood, Tenn., earned \$2,493 as the Co-angler Division winner thanks to a three-bass catch that weighed 11 pounds, 9 ounces. He edged past 198 Co-angler Division competitors thanks to a crankbait he fished around rocky points.

Rounding out the top four co-anglers are Michael Johnson of Bristol, Va. (four bass, 11 pounds, 2 ounces, \$1,247); Thomas Hartley of Elizabethton, Tenn. (four bass, 10 pounds, 3 ounces, \$848); and Wayne Leffew of Clinton, Tenn. (four bass, 9 pounds, 13 ounces, \$648). Tied for fifth were Darryl Mayton of Rockwood, Tenn., and Brad Roberts of Nancy. Both men caught three bass weighing 9 pounds, 9 ounces that earned each of them \$498.

Kelly Barrett of Richmond earned \$495 as the Co-angler Division big-bass winner with a 6-pound, 2-ounce bass that was caught casting a jig to the bank.

The Mountain Division's next stop will be April 24 on Dale Hollow Lake. Each BFL division features four one-day events followed by a two-day Super Tournament to round out the regular season. The top 30 Mountain Division boaters and co-anglers based on year-end points standings will advance to the Wheeler Lake regional near Rogersville, Ala., Oct. 19-23, where they will compete against Bulldog, LBL and Shenandoah division anglers for a slot in the 2005 All-American. The win-

ning boater at the All-American receives \$100,000 cash, making it one of the most lucrative and prestigious championship events in bass fishing.

Every angler who receives weight credit in a tournament earns points, with 200 points going to the winner, 199 for second, 198 for third, and so on except for Super Tournaments, which award 300 points to the

winner, 299 for second, 298 for third, and so on. These points determine angler standings. The Mountain Division boater who amasses the most points at the end of the regular season will earn \$1,000 as the Yamaha Be the Best points leader, and the co-angler earning the most points will earn \$500 as the Yamaha Be the Best points leader in the Co-angler Division.

GIRLS' SWEET 16

Lady Knights impressive in Sweet 16 opener

by CHRIS DUNCAN ASSOCIATED PRESS

BOWLING GREEN — The main threat to derail Sacred Heart's bid for a third straight girls state high school basketball championship looked strong in the first round of the Sweet 16.

Lexington Catholic, which lost to the Valkyries 42-40 in last year's title game, dominated Perry County Central 54-40 in its tournament opener on Wednesday night.

"We played very well at times," Lexington Catholic coach Greg Todd said. "We played a lot of good competition this year, so we're not used to winning by large margins. We've definitely played in some tough games and it's matured our team."

Anaris Sickles scored 18 points and grabbed nine rebounds to lead the 11th Region champion Lady Knights (27-7), who will face Region 10 winner Paris (26-8) in today's quarterfinals. The Lady Greyhounds defeated Central Hardin 39-36 in Wednesday's late game.

Polly Sebastian had 18 points to lead Perry County Central (29-4), who won the 14th Region for the fifth straight year.

The Commodores missed 25 of their first 30 shots, including numerous point-blank layups. They shot 27.5 percent (14 of 51) of the game and coach Randy Napier ripped his team's lack of effort.

"I'm just really angry and disappointed in my team," Napier said. "That's not to take anything away from Lexington Catholic, but when you can't make shots under the goal and can't pass the ball to each other in the open floor, that has nothing to do with the other team."

In Wednesday's late game, Iona Caulder scored 14 points to lead Paris to a mistake-plagued victory. Taylor Christman added 12 points and Jessica Williams had 10 for the Region 10 champion Lady Greyhounds, who won despite 24 turnovers — 19 in the second half.

"We panicked and kept turning the ball over, something we haven't done all year long," Paris coach Terence Brooks said.

Lauren Flood scored 12 for Region Five winner Central Hardin (24-8), which shot 29 percent (9 of 31) and committed 24 turnovers.

In Wednesday's opener, Ashley Lewallen and Megan McGrath scored 13 points each to lead Louisville Butler to a 62-47 win over Bullitt East.

The Sixth Region champion Bearettes (25-6) won their 11th straight game despite committing 21 turnovers and shooting 37 percent.

The Eighth Region Chargers (28-5) were even sloppier, coughing up 29 turnovers and shooting 29 percent.

"Our defense was just out-

standing," Butler coach Stephanie Greathouse said. "Getting our hands on passes, intimidating them, picking them. The defense won the game for us."

Butler led by six at halftime, then took command with a 16-6 run in the third quarter. Bullitt East rallied briefly in the fourth quarter, twice cutting Butler's lead to seven. Lewallen hit two free throws and scored inside in a 20-second span near the 2-minute mark to end the threat.

"I felt like we were on the verge," Bullitt East coach Chris Stallings said. "We put our-

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photo courtesy of HalfMountain Speedway
HalfMountain Speedway in Royalton in Magoffin County will open in April for a new racing season.

HalfMountain Speedway announces practice date

TIMES STAFF REPORT

ROYALTON — HalfMountain Speedway officials will hold a practice Sunday, April 18.

Gates at the Magoffin County track will open at noon.

Practice will begin at 1 p.m. and all drivers will get five laps on the track alone like in qualifying conditions as they pull up to the staging lane. Single car

practice will continue for a couple of hours. After the single car practice, track officials will look at the track and decide if anything needs done to the track such as watering or things of that nature. After track officials are finished the track will open back up for division practices with all the cars in a division hitting the track at the same time to get in some competition practice with other drivers. This type of practicing will continue until officials decide it is to dark to continue.

HMS officials will close practice at around 6 p.m.

Concession stands will be open at the track for the practice event.

This format will allow drivers a chance to shake off the winter rust of not racing over the colder months and also give the new drivers that are not familiar with the track some much needed track time to learn how to handle the speed they will be turning on the track in the first session of the practice. In the second session of the practice everyone will get some practice running with other cars on the track and finding lanes to pass and work on setups for race conditions.

This practice will also be used as a practice for all HMS officials as well. The first session will be used as a qualifying session and the second session will be used as a race condition session and the track workers will use the time in between the two sessions to see how the track reacts to cars on the track for an extended period of time in both qualifying and race related racing conditions.

HMS will open its season on Saturday, April 24.

AUTO RACING

Waltrip to race for first time at Kentucky Speedway

THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

SPARTA — Kentucky native Michael Waltrip will race for the first time at Kentucky Speedway this June, he said Thursday.

Waltrip, a two-time Daytona 500 winner from Owensboro, will be one of four NASCAR NEXTEL Cup Series drivers in the field for the speedway's annual Busch Series event, the Meijer 300, which will be run June 19.

"I'm proud of being a Kentuckian and it's great that I'll have the chance to race my Aaron's Dream machine in my home state," Waltrip said.

Other drivers who plan to

race for the first time at Kentucky Speedway in the event are Robby Gordon, Johnny Benson and Derrike Cope, the 1990 Daytona 500 winner. Three other NEXTEL Cup Series drivers also plan to race — Kasey Kahne, Greg Biffle and Johnny Sauter.

"I think it's terrific, but not surprising" that the NEXTEL Cup regulars will run in the Busch Series event at Kentucky Speedway, said Mark Cassis, the executive vice president and general manager of the speedway. "The NEXTEL Cup Series drivers test here frequently, so they know our track and how to get around it."

HORSE RACING

Churchill maintains increased security level for Kentucky Derby

by ELLEN R. STAPLETON ASSOCIATED PRESS

LOUISVILLE — The crowds packing Churchill Downs for the Kentucky Derby on May 1 will be under the increased security they've become accustomed to since the Sept. 11 terrorist attacks.

Derby-goers entering the grandstand will be searched with magnetic wands, and parked vehicles will be subject to search. Attendees will also be limited in what they can carry into the track — bottles and cans, coolers and backpacks are all out.

Although there have been no specific threats against Churchill Downs, President Steve Sexton said he decided to keep the security plan that was put in place in 2002 for this year's Kentucky Derby and Kentucky Oaks.

"There's no immediate

threat, but it's the proper thing to do and the right thing to do to implement these security and hospitality measures that we've planned for this year's Derby," Sexton said. "The safety of our patrons has always been a priority — safety on the track with jockeys and horses and safety off the track around the customer-oriented areas."

Officers from about 20 law-enforcement agencies will be on duty, including members of the Kentucky National Guard, said Louisville Metro Police Chief Robert White.

Churchill Downs spokesman John Asher would not release the total number of security personnel, but said the track will maintain the same level as the past two years. The force was doubled for 2002, Asher said.

Construction that is part of the \$121 million renovation of Churchill Downs will be in progress, but that won't create

the need for special security procedures, Sexton said. All gates will be open for the Kentucky Derby and Kentucky Oaks.

Derby-goers can't carry in bottles and cans, coolers, grills, alcohol, thermoses, backpacks, wagons, umbrellas and weapons, including knives and scissors. Food is permitted only if it is placed in clear plastic bags.

A general store in the infield will sell drinks, sunscreen and restricted items.

Attendance at last year's Kentucky Derby was 148,530, the fifth-largest in history and an increase of about 500 from 2002.

On the Net:

Churchill Downs Inc.: <http://www.churchilldowns.com>
Kentucky Derby: <http://www.kentuckyderby.com>
Kentucky Oaks: <http://www.kentuckyoaks.com>

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Dale Earnhardt Jr. is always a favorite driver among Bristol Motor Speedway fans. The NASCAR Busch Series and Nextel Cup will each visit Bristol, Tenn. for races during the upcoming weekend.

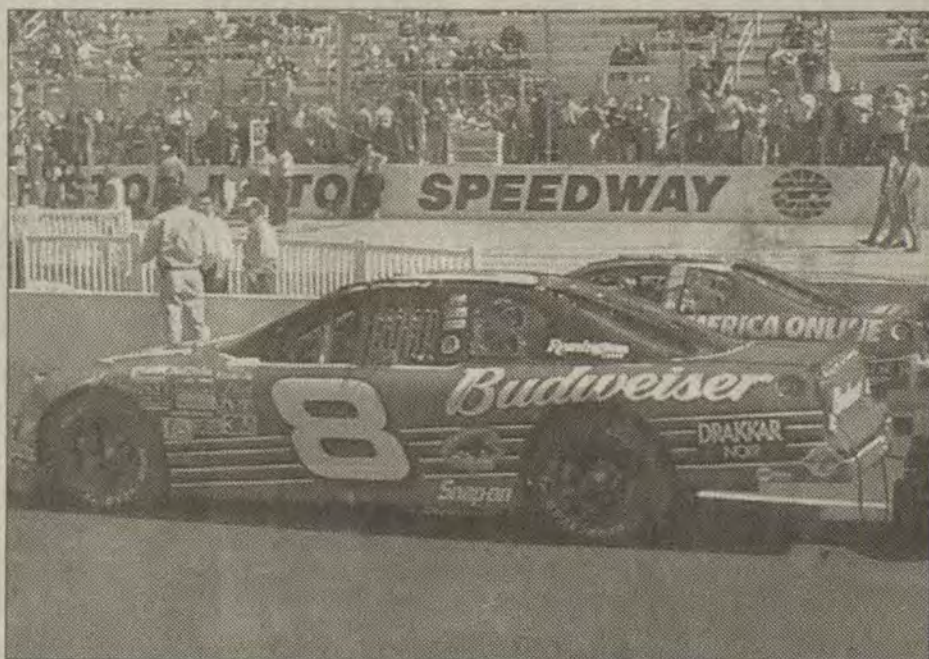


photo by Jamie Howell

Winn-Dixie Race Day slated for April 10

TIMES STAFF REPORT

HAZARD — The fifth annual Winn-Dixie Race Day is scheduled for April 10 from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. in the parking lot of the Hazard Winn-Dixie Store located in the Black Gold Plaza.

The event will again allow fans to meet drivers and look at racecars.

Games and prizes will be available for the kids.

A cookout will be held with all the proceeds going to the Hazard Shrine Club.

The perks are many for the drivers as \$100 will be given to the driver who drove the furthest to get to the event.

A grand prize of \$100 will go to the Best Looking car in

each division.

Divisions include Late Model, Limited Late Model, Modified, Super Bomber, Bomber, 4-Cylinder and Road Hog.

Door prizes include a first-place prize of a \$50 Winn-Dixie gift certificate and a second-place \$25 gift certificate.

This event will happen, rain or shine. Hazard radio station 97.9 FM will conduct a live remote from the event.

Sponsors for the fifth annual Winn-Dixie Race Day are Advance Auto Parts, Hazard Auto & Truck Parts NAPA, Coca-Cola, Budweiser, Stanley Haddix Race Car Parts, Pepsi, Graphic Impressions, Rocket Chassis, Brain Carrier Bodies, and Draughn Racing Supply.



Fresh off a high school basketball season, Betsy Layne junior Kristal Daniels (holding the basketball) has now turned her attention to softball as a member of the Ladycat softball team. Daniels also excels in the sport of volleyball.

Knights

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selves in the position, but the shots just didn't fall."

Butler will play 12th Region winner Wayne County in today's quarterfinals.

Ashley Bell had 21 points and 11 rebounds to lead the Cardinals to a 54-47 win over Boone County in Wednesday's second game.

"Our kids competed, for the most part, on every play," said Wayne County coach Tim Pyles. "That's one thing about this bunch — their work ethic has been phenomenal."

Megan Fletcher scored 16 and Renee Dailey added 12 for Region 9 winner Boone County (28-5), which had an 11-game

winning streak snapped.

The teams were tied 20-20 at halftime and Wayne County opened the second half with an 8-0 run. Fletcher scored on a drive to end the spurt, but the Lady Rebels got no closer than four the rest of the way.

Boone County outrebounded the smaller Cardinals 28-20, but Wayne County shot 67 percent in the second half (10 of 15) and 52 percent for the game (16 of 31) to earn the win.

"When you get to this type of game, you need to play well in all facets," Boone County coach Nell Fookes said. "I didn't think we did some of the things we characteristically do well."

Eurosilver replaces stablemante Birdstone atop Derby Prospects list

by RICHARD ROSENBLATT ASSOCIATED PRESS

Even in defeat, trainer Nick Zito is far from discouraged about his chances of winning the Kentucky Derby in six weeks.

Birdstone was Zito's latest loser, finishing fifth as the odds-on favorite in the Lane's End Stakes at Turfway Park on Saturday.

"He's much better than that," Zito said after his star 3-

year-old never got going over a wet track that was sealed to keep moisture from making the surface muddier. "We'll see what happens. We'll just regroup."

Zito's two other Derby prospects were beaten a week earlier at Gulfstream Park. Even-money favorite Eurosilver finished a head behind Wynn Dot Comma in the Swale Stakes, and The Cliff's Edge was a fast-closing third behind Friends Lake and

Value Plus in the \$1 million Florida Derby.

Since no other 3-year-old has produced a defining race, this week's Top 10 Derby Prospects list once again has been reshuffled, with Eurosilver moving back on top.

Although the colt was beaten at seven furlongs in the Swale, Eurosilver has shown he can cover more than a mile. Eurosilver won the 1 1-16th-mile Lane's End Futurity last year, and the Derby is 1 1/4 miles. The bay colt's final Derby prep is set for the 1 1-8-mile Blue Grass at Keeneland on April 10.

Birdstone is headed to the Wood Memorial, while The Cliff's Edge is being pointed to the Arkansas Derby. Both races are April 10.

Also Saturday: —Sinister G, a 16-1 long shot, won the Lane's End Stakes, and trainer John Toscano Jr. said the horse will be a late nominee to the Derby and the other Triple Crown races, the Preakness and Belmont Stakes.

—Saratoga County defeated Derby contenders Pomeroy and Eddington in the Gotham Stakes, and trainer George Weaver is thinking about a trip to Churchill Downs. A decision should come after the colt runs in the Lexington Stakes at Keeneland on April 17.

—Smarty Jones remained perfect in five races with a victory in the Rebel Stakes at Oaklawn Park. The colt trained

by John Servis will get his biggest test in the Arkansas Derby.

The only Derby prep this weekend is Sunday's WinStar Derby in New Mexico, with trainer Bob Baffert expected to send out Consecrate and Teton Forest.

The top 10 prospects:
1. Eurosilver (Nick Zito, trainer; Javier Castellano, jockey) — Cannot discount after head loss in Swale. ... Now training at Keeneland, along with Zito's other prospects, Birdstone and The Cliff's Edge. ... Next start: Blue Grass (April 10). ... Derby future wager odds (pool 2): 11-1.

2. Wimbledon (Bob Baffert, Javier Santiago) — Louisiana Derby winner worked four furlongs in 48 seconds at Santa Anita last week. ... Next start: Santa Anita Derby (April 3). ... Odds: 13-1.

3. Friends Lake (John Kimmel, Richard Migliore) — Staked claim as possible Derby favorite with Florida Derby win. ... Training at Payson Park in central Florida before heading to Louisville sometime in April. ... Next start: Kentucky Derby (May 1) ... Odds: 9-5 (mutuel field).

4. Master David (Bobby Frankel, Edgar Prado) — Hasn't raced since winning Sham Stakes on Feb. 8. ... Worked seven furlongs in 1:25 4/5 at Hollywood Park on March 12. ... Next start: Wood

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Lofton named Kentucky player of the year

THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

The breakdown of voting for the 2004 Kentucky High School boys' and girls' Player of the Year and Coach of the Year by 17 members of The Associated Press. (Note: Only 16 ballots were cast for boys' and girls' Coach of the Year):

BOYS PLAYER OF THE YEAR

- Chris Lofton, Mason County, 6-3, Sr., G14
- Ty Rogers, Lyon County, 6-3, Sr., G2
- Lonnell DeWalt, Warren Central, 6-6, Sr., F1

GIRLS PLAYER OF THE YEAR

- Crystal Kelly, Louisville Sacred Heart, 6-2, Sr., C12
- Sarah Elliott, Jackson County, 6-6, Sr., C4
- Jade Perry, Muhlenberg North, 6-2, Sr., C1

BOYS COACH OF THE YEAR

- Tony Branch, Louisville Seneca4
- Matthew Perry, Morgan County3
- Tim Riley, Warren Central2
- Rodney Woods, Wayne County2
- Tom Crews, Louisville DeSales1
- Phil Gibson, Henderson County1
- Gary Hubbard, Western Hills1
- Mike Orr, Owensboro Catholic1
- Kelly Wells, Mason County1

GIRLS COACH OF THE YEAR

- Donna Moir, Louisville Sacred Heart8
- Charley Broughton, Daviess County3
- Konnie Snyder, South Laurel2
- Jeff Haile, Henderson County1
- Joey Thacker, Franklin County1
- Chrysti Noble, Rockcastle County1

Another horse that portrayed Seabiscuit in movie coming to Kentucky

THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

MIDWAY — Rich In Dallas, one of the 10 horses that played Seabiscuit in last year's movie about the famed thoroughbred, will soon be on a Kentucky farm, courtesy of anonymous donors and three organizations devoted to saving retired thoroughbreds.

Rich In Dallas, a 9-year-old Arkansas-bred gelding, finished second in a \$2,500 claiming race Saturday at Los Alamitos race track in California. After the race, the 69th of the horse's career, an anonymous California donor claimed Rich In Dallas and donated the horse to the Exceller Fund, a group named after a champion thoroughbred who died in 1997 in a slaughterhouse

in Sweden.

Two other thoroughbred-retirement organizations, ReRun and Old Friends, will house the horse for the Exceller Fund, said Lori Neagle of ReRun.

A representative of the Exceller Fund was prepared to claim the horse Saturday, said Old Friends president Michael Blowen, but the anonymous donor did so instead. A Florida

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Kelly parlays hobby into stellar career

by CHRIS DUNCAN ASSOCIATED PRESS

LOUISVILLE — Sacred Heart star Crystal Kelly started playing basketball when she was 6, shooting baskets with her mother in a park in downtown Louisville.

She knew right away she loved it.

"I didn't think anything of it. It was just something I really enjoyed," Kelly said.

By the time she was ready for high school, Kelly was starting to attract local media attention — and starting to consider the game more than just a hobby.

"I felt like I could really do something with it," she said.

And she has.

This week, Kelly was named the 2004 Associated Press girls' player of the year by a statewide media panel, earning 12 of 17 possible votes. Jackson County center Sarah Elliott garnered four votes and Muhlenberg County center Jade Perry got one.

Kelly's stats aren't gaudy. She is Sacred Heart's all-time scorer and rebounder, but she won't finish close to the state's all-time leaders in either category.

Instead, her legacy will be as the best player on one of the most dominant teams in state history.

The Valkyries (33-1) are seeking their third straight state championship at this weekend's Sweet 16 in Bowling Green. They've won 91 consecutive games against in-state opponents and have a 135-8 record in Kelly's four seasons.

The 6-foot-2 Kelly has had opportunities to play for AAU teams over the summers during her career, but she always turned them down to stay close to Sacred Heart.

"We're always around one another," Kelly said of her teammates. "I didn't want to play on those AAU teams because I didn't want to drop them. We have our own team, our own little group."

Kelly averaged 15.4 points and 9.7 rebounds her freshman year, helping the Valkyries to the regional final. She averaged 16.5 points and 10.8 rebounds her sophomore year

as Sacred Heart won its first state title since 1976.

Her junior year, Kelly averaged 17.8 points, 10.2 rebounds, 4.5 blocked shots, 4.3 steals and 3.2 assists per game. She was also named the Sweet 16 Most Valuable Player after scoring 14 points and grabbing 10 rebounds in her team's championship victory over Lexington Catholic.

She averaged only 14.2 points and 8.6 rebounds last season, but Coach Donna Moir said the numbers reflect her unselfishness.

"Sometimes, she tries to get everybody involved in the game when I rather she just take the ball to the basket," said Moir, the 2004 AP girls coach of the year.

Kelly has heard the criticisms in practice.

"The coaches all get on my case about that," she said. "But if I don't feel comfortable with a shot, I'm not going to take it. The thing about it is we're all unselfish. We all feed off each other."

Kentucky, Louisville and Western Kentucky are breathlessly awaiting Kelly's college choice, which she'll make after the season. The recruiting pressure has sometimes been intense — she's met Kentucky coach Tubby Smith and

Louisville coach Rick Pitino along the way — but she insists the process hasn't bothered her.

"It's been a little crazy. But I've been able to put it off until the end of the season," said Kelly, who has a 3.7 career grade point average. "Right now, I'm really focused on other things."

Her immediate plans include a spring-break trip to Florida and a high-school all-star game in New Orleans next weekend.

She's also making sure Sacred Heart doesn't falter when she's gone. She's taken freshman center Elizabeth Campbell under her wing in practices, showing her moves and other ways to improve.

"That's Crystal," said Moir said. "She's always the one who picks up the younger players and takes them places, she's the one who invites the younger players out when the seniors are going out."

The tight-knit team and Kelly's career have their finales this weekend, but Kelly isn't looking at it sadly.

"We've got to win four more games, that's how we're looking at it," said Kelly. "I don't want it to end, but hopefully, we will be able to end it the right way."

COLLEGE SOFTBALL

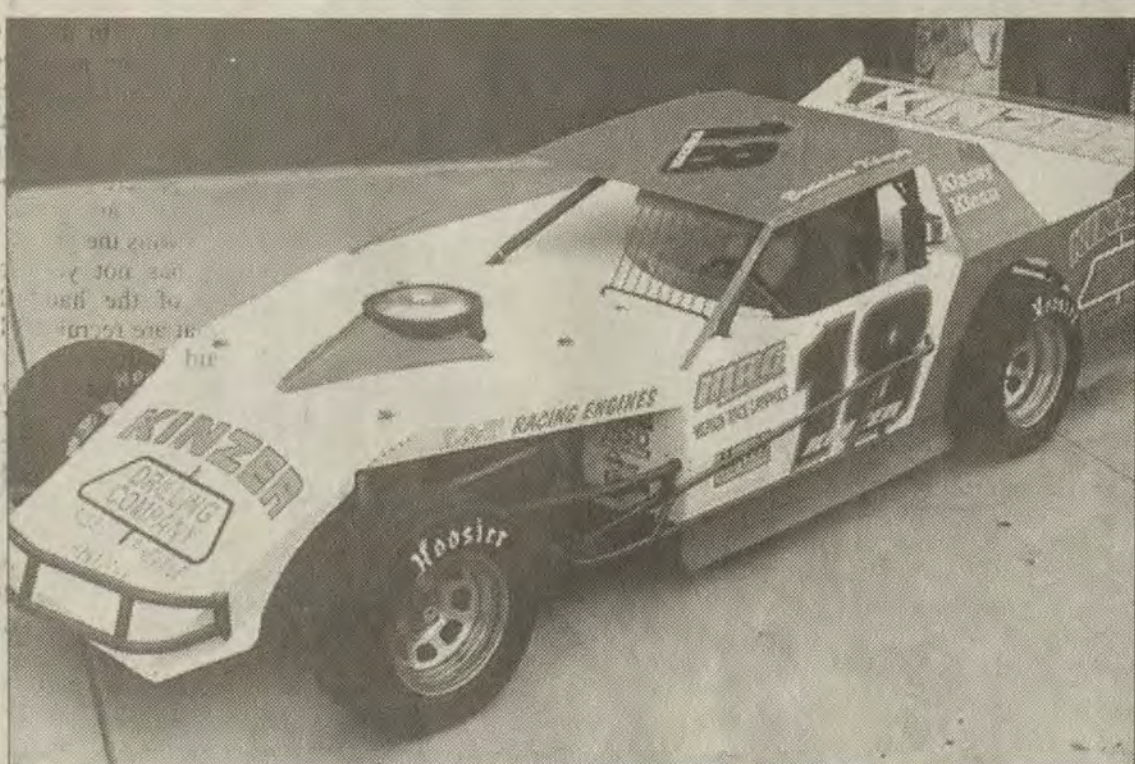
Rice back guiding ALC women's softball team

TIMES STAFF REPORT

Tim Rice is entering his third season as the softball coach at Alice Lloyd College. He revived the softball program in 2002 after a three-year hiatus. Before entering the college coaching ranks he spent 16 years coaching at the high school level. Rice has a storied career in local sports where he played basketball and baseball at Betsy Layne High and went on to receive a baseball scholarship at Pikeville College, where he played four seasons for the Bears. His coaching philosophy

is simple, he expects all players to perform at their highest ability, a level that their team, their family and school can be proud of.

Rice received his bachelors degree from Pikeville College and his masters from Morehead State University. He resides in Betsy Layne, along with his wife, Susan, and their three children, Tasha, Kyle, and Eric. His daughter Tasha, is a sophomore at ALC and also a member of the softball program. She joined the ALC softball team after an impressive high school playing career.



Brandon Kinzer has a new Modified (first photo) to toil around many dirt tracks. Kinzer started his racing career in a Modified. His first Modified is pictured directly above.

Kinzer set to debut new Modified

TIMES STAFF REPORT

ALLEN — Brandon Kinzer will race two cars over the weekend at famed Eldora Speedway in Rossburg, Ohio. Kinzer will debut a new car, a JB Performance Bob Pierce Modified. At the Eldora Speedway season opener, Kinzer will also race his GRT Late Model.

Kinzer is no stranger to the Modified division. Kinzer started racing in

1993 at the age of 16. He was racing behind the wheel of a Modified. Kinzer won his seventh ever start and hasn't looked back since. In his sophomore year in the Modified ride, Kinzer picked up four more feature wins. In 1996, ultimately his final year in the Modified, the Kinzer Motorsports team picked up 16 wins in 30 events on the AMRA series, and pick up the second place trophy in the AMRA National Points.

Additionally, Kinzer picked up his second consecutive track championship at Thunder Ridge. In 1997, after purchasing a back-up car from Shannon Thornberry, Kinzer entered into the Late Model division.

The Kinzer race team has added a date next weekend at Golden Mountain Speedway, April 2-3. Kinzer Motorsports will race for a \$7500 first-place payout at the Sweetwater, Tenn. track April 2-3

Godolphin says wait 'til next year for Kentucky Derby

by ANWAR FARUQI
ASSOCIATED PRESS

DUBAI, United Arab Emirates — Sheik Mohammed's powerful racing stable is unlikely to enter a horse in the Kentucky Derby for the second straight year. That doesn't mean his Godolphin Racing is giving up on winning America's greatest race one day.

"We will go back and try and win the Kentucky Derby when we have the right horse," Godolphin racing manager Simon Crisford said.

Ruler's Court and Rosberg, a pair of promising Godolphin 2-year-olds, have been sidelined with injuries this year. Inamorato was pulled off the 2003 Derby trail after an unimpressive third-place finish in a prep race.

"We haven't made any entries simply because the key horses that we had, Ruler's Court and Rosberg, developed some injuries that require treatment," Crisford said this week as Godolphin prepares its horses for Saturday's \$15.25 million race program at the Nad al Sheba racetrack.

Sheik Mohammed, who owns Godolphin with his brothers, has sent horses to the Derby from 1999-2002, promising that one day he will win the race. Godolphin's best finish was China Visit, sixth in 2000.

"In the past we have gone to Kentucky with horses who lacked a bit of stamina, and we won't run

horses who aren't right for the race," Crisford said. "We're not going to invent horses just for the sake of competing."

Sheik Mohammed is trying to win the Derby in a most unconventional way — by having his 3-year-olds prep in Europe instead of in traditional prep races in America.

Crisford said there's slight chance Godolphin could be represented in the Derby by Great Expectations, who runs in Saturday's UAE Derby.

Crisford also discussed a change in policy in training 2-year-olds. He said that Godolphin's top trainer, Saeed bin Suroor, will take charge of some 200 horses at Newmarket this year, including more than 100 2-year-olds.

Last season, Godolphin used trainers David Loder in England and Eoin Harty in the United States to look after its juveniles.

"Eoin Harty will continue to train horses for Sheik Mohammed," Crisford said. "But we have decided that we want all of the Godolphin horses to be trained in Newmarket by Saeed, and that will always be their base."

Godolphin's top hope in Saturday's \$6 million Dubai World Cup is Grand Hombre, a 10-1 choice by British bookmakers William Hill. Medaglia d'Oro and Pleasantly Perfect are the favorites.



file photo by Steve LeMaster
Now a Junior, Ryan Hammonds is one of the lead returnees for the Allen Central High baseball team. Defending 15th Region champ Allen Central will open its season on the road Monday at Johnson Central.

Tussey named 15th Region Coach of the Year

TIMES STAFF REPORT

LEXINGTON — Following a regional championship effort, Pike County Central head coach Tammy Tussey has been named Coach of the Year in the 15th Region. Tussey was named coach of the year by the Kentucky Association of Basketball Coaches (KABC).

Tussey and the Pike County Central girls' basketball team she coaches were in action last night against 16th Region champ East Carter in the opening round of the Girls' Sweet Sixteen state basketball tournament.

Betsy Layne High senior Whitney Lykens, a player who will most likely announce her college choice in the next two weeks, was named player of the year in the 15th Region.

Both 15th Region honorees will be present today in Bowling

Green when the annual awards are handed out.

In addition, longtime Shelby Valley High head girls' basketball coach Bobby Spears was given the KABC Court of Honor nod for the 15th Region.

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COLLEGE BASKETBALL

JACKSON, Miss. — Larry Eustachy is getting a chance to coach again, taking over at Southern Mississippi.

Eustachy resigned at Iowa State last year after photographs were published showing him at a college party kissing and being kissed by young women. He will be introduced as the Golden Eagles' new basketball coach at a news conference Thursday, a university source

close to the team said.

Southern Miss spokesmen Mike Montoro and Mike Martinez acknowledged that a new coach will be introduced at the news conference, but declined to identify who it would be.

Eustachy was The Associated Press' coach of the year in 2000 and led Iowa State to Big 12 championships in 2000 and 2001. In 2000, the Cyclones reached the round of eight in the NCAA tournament.

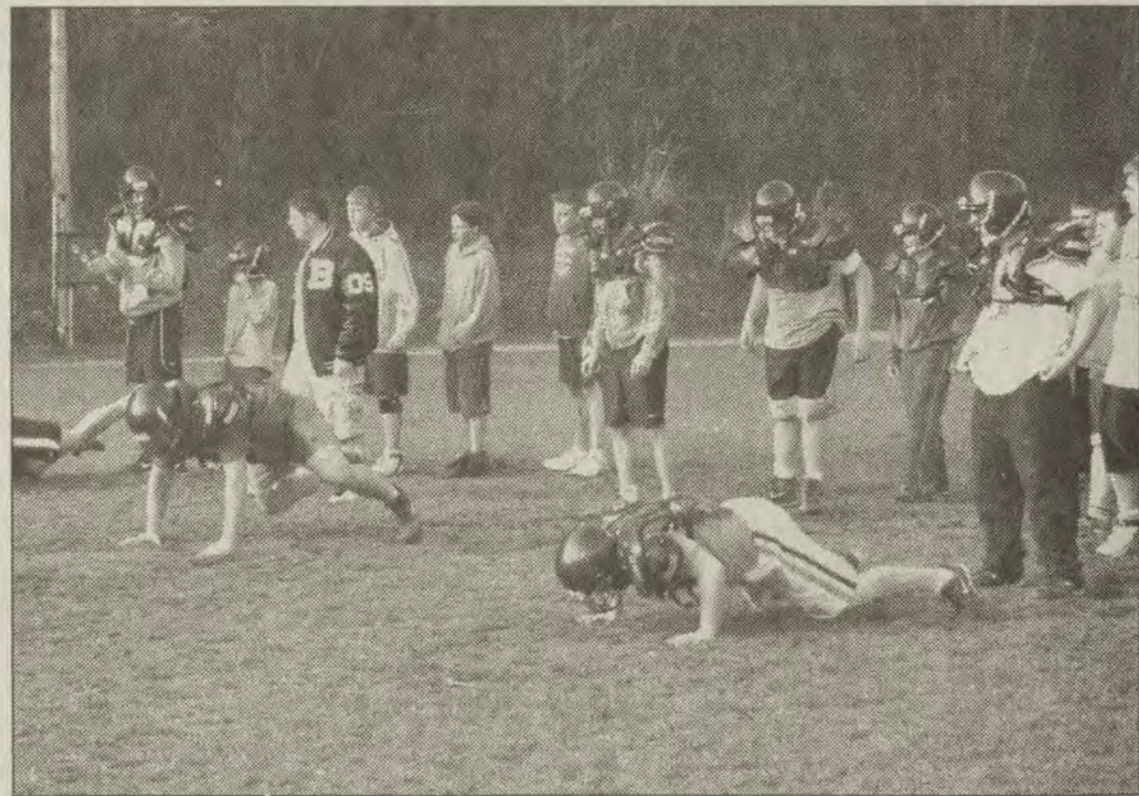


photo by Steve LeMaster

Betsy Layne High and most all other area grid teams have gotten in spring practices this week.

Lofton caps prep career with player of the year honor

by MURRAY EVANS
ASSOCIATED PRESS

LEXINGTON — It wasn't as if Chris Lofton needed to add to his legend, but the Mason County senior guard did so last week during the Boys Sweet 16 basketball tournament.

Everyone in Rupp Arena knew who was going to take the potential game-tying 3-pointer for the Royals, who trailed Louisville Trinity by three in the quarterfinals.

That didn't stop Lofton from swishing the shot with 2.8 seconds left. Mason County eventually won the game in triple overtime.

The Royals lost to Warren Central in the 2004 state championship, but Lofton hit enough clutch shots last week and during his career to earn the state's highest individual honor. This week, Lofton was named The Associated Press' Kentucky boys high school player of the year.

Lofton received 14 of 17 possible votes from a statewide media panel. Lyon County guard Ty Rogers earned two votes and Warren Central forward Lonnell DeWalt earned one.

Lofton scored a school-record 2,763 career points, 252 of which came in 10 state-tournament games — the third-best in state history, behind only

MSU golf team finishes ninth in Alabama tourney

TIMES STAFF REPORT

The Morehead State University golf team finished ninth among 14 teams in the Amoco Ultimate-Young Oil Intercollegiate played March 22-23 in Jacksonville, Ala.

The Eagles shot 315-310-309 934. Armstrong Atlantic (306-303-289 898) edged host school Jacksonville State (310-296-293 899) for the championship.

MSU's Kyle Litter shot 225 to tie for sixth among 78 individuals. Prestonsburg High grad Ryan Martin tied for 56th. Martin shot 84-79-78 to finish with a score of 241.

Morehead State Golf Results 2004 Spring Results and Averages

Player	Rounds	Strokes	Average	Low Round
Team	6	1848	308.0	295
Matt Gann	6	467	77.8	73
Austin Hansford	6	478	79.7	76
Kyle Litter	6	450	75.0	73
Ryan Martin	6	471	78.5	73
Brian May	6	493	82.2	78
Casey Wade	6	473	78.8	77

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Memorial (April 10). ... Odds: 18-1.

5. Preachinatthebar (Baffert, Santiago) — San Rafael winner gets ready for road trip. ... Next start: Blue Grass (April 10). ... Odds: 9-5 (mutuel field).

6. Value Plus (Todd Pletcher, John Velazquez) — Big, long-striding colt might be maturing at right time. ... Runner-up in Florida Derby. ... Next start: Blue Grass or Wood. ... Odds: 27-1.

7. Birdstone (Zito, Jerry Bailey) — Never got untracked in Lane's End in first poor race of his career. ... Next start: Wood Memorial. ... Odds: 13-1.

8. St Averil (Rafael Becerra, Tyler Baze) — Just missed

catching Preachinatthebar at the wire in San Rafael. ... Next start: Santa Anita Derby. ... Odds: 15-1.

9. Read the Footnotes (Rick Violette Jr., Bailey) — Like Friends Lake, another New York-bred who might remain idle until the Derby. ... Next start: Undecided. ... Odds: 20-1.

10. Imperialism (Kristin Mulhall, Victor Espinoza) — San Rafael and San Vicente winner most seasoned of top prospects with 14 starts, 11 as a 2-year-old. ... Next start: Santa Anita Derby. ... Odds 24-1.

Keep in mind: Eddington, Limehouse, Lion Heart, Saratoga County, Smarty Jones, The Cliff's Edge.

Richie Farmer of Clay County (317 points) and J.R. VanHoose of Paintsville (272 points). Farmer played in five state tournaments, VanHoose in four, Lofton in three.

"Chris is just awesome, by far the best player in the state," Mason County coach Kelly Wells said.

Lofton holds Sweet 16 records for most 3-pointers in a game (9) and tournament (17, in 2003). Most importantly, he led the Royals to the 2003 title, the first by a 10th Region team in 57 years. He was the Most Valuable Player of the 2003 state tournament and received a sportsmanship award following the 2004 tournament.

"The reason he gets such a good following and is so well-respected is because he's a great kid," Wells said. "I think he takes all the attention in stride. He's the kind of kid who doesn't get too high or too low about anything."

Most of Lofton's foes came away impressed.

"He just (hit) shot after shot and that's what Mr. Basketball do," George Rogers Clark High School coach Scott Humphrey said of Lofton after Humphrey's team lost to Mason County in the 10th Region tournament.

After Lofton's heroics against Trinity, Shamrocks' coach Mike Szabo said his team should've fouled Lofton before the shot, because Szabo knew Lofton would make it.

"That's why he's the best player in the state," Szabo said. "We've seen him do it time and time again. He's absolutely a great player, a winner."

The 6-foot-3 Lofton averaged 26.8 points per game this season, but he wasn't just a scorer for the Royals, who finished 33-3. He also led Mason County in rebounding (7.4), assists (3.4) and steals (3.0).

In his career, he shot 46.2 percent from 3-point range (353-of-764) and 83.5 percent from the free-throw line (354-of-424).

"I think the most amazing thing is his level of consistency throughout his career," Wells said. "He has continually raised his level of play each and every year."

Lofton wants to make sure that his teammates also receive credit for the Royals' success.

"They are my best friends," he said. "Without them, I wouldn't be where I'm at today. My teammates are great. No one person wins the game."

Lofton has not yet signed with any of the handful of schools that are recruiting him. Wells said Lofton has seven schools under consideration — in no particular order, Valparaiso, Arkansas, Cincinnati, Notre Dame, Arkansas State, DePaul and Louisville. Some time this week, Wells said, Lofton probably will decide the schools to which he'll take official visits.

Horse

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woman, who also remained anonymous, donated the cost of a van that will ship Rich In Dallas from California to Kentucky.

Rich In Dallas will spend about a month at Old Friends' farm in Midway, then will be moved to a Cecilton, Md., farm run by ReRun, Neagle said.

Rich In Dallas is the second "Seabiscuit" horse to go to Kentucky. Last July, the Kentucky Horse Park Foundation bought I Two Step Too during a charity auction connected with the premiere of "Seabiscuit" in Louisville. I Two Step Too now lives at the Horse Park in Lexington.

"We'd like to get all the Seabiscuit horses, if they need homes," Blown said.

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SPECIAL TO THE TIMES

Final applications are now being evaluated for the Ten Star All Star Summer Basketball Camp. The camp is by invitation only. Boys and girls ages 10-19 are eligible to apply. Past participants include Michael Jordan, Tim Duncan, Vince Carter, Jerry Stackhouse, Grant Hill and Antawn Jamison. Players from 50 states and 11 foreign countries attended the 2003 camp.

College basketball scholarships are possible for players selected for the All-America Team. Camp locations include Lebanon, Tenn., Thousand Oaks, Calif., Sterling, Co., Babson Park, Fla., Atlanta, Ga., Champaign, Ill., Greencastle, Ind., Atchison, Kan., Baltimore, Md., Ypsilanti, Mich., Hamilton, N.Y., Blacksburg, Va., Poultney, Vt., Olympia, Wash., and Beloit, Wash. For a free brochure, call 704/373-0873.

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THROUGH MY EYES

Temporarily insane

I'm having a little trouble calming my nerves and clearing my mind enough to pull together a decent column today. This may be due to the fact that I lost temporary control of my home, children, life and mind this past weekend when I, for some unfathomable reason, agreed to allow my son, Elliott, to have a "sleep-over" that in short time actually became a mini-"House Party" of sorts.



Kathy Prater
Lifestyles editor

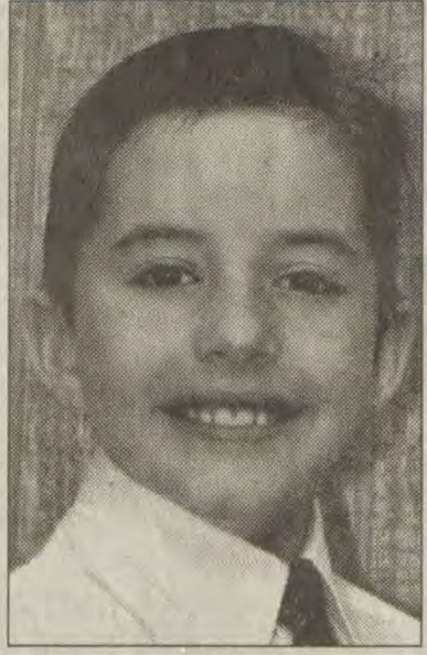
Now for some reason, my son can never be satisfied with inviting one friend to sleep over. He can't even be satisfied with having two friends over (which is actually pushing the envelope for me). No, my social butterfly of a son needs to have three or four buddies over in order to make the weekend event complete for him.

So, before I quite knew what was happening, it wasn't long before Wes and Wes (Woods and Hall) appeared at my door, soon

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Alex Lester



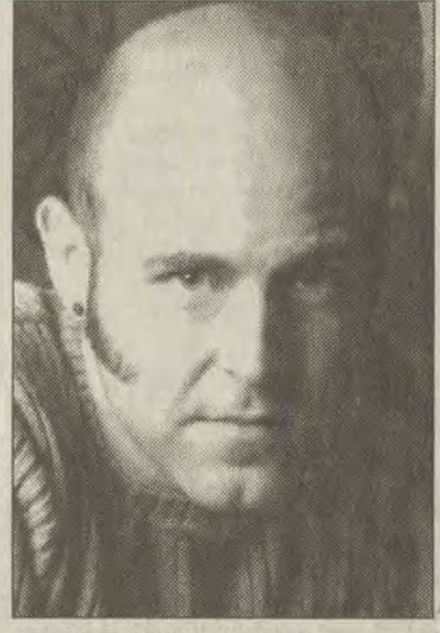
Bryan Lowe



Chelsea Hereford



Jessica Hall



Jonathan Goble



Michaela Tussey



Staci Carriere



Victoria May

Floyd County Actors in HONK!

The Ducks are coming! The Ducks are coming! No, not the seasonal migration of ducks but the opening of Jenny Wiley Theatre and the Mountain Arts Centers' co-production of HONK! The Ugly Duckling Musical. Based on Hans Christian Andersen's classic "The Ugly Duckling", HONK! is a hilarious and heart-warming musical for the entire family.

Both JWT and the MAC are proud to announce that there will be plenty of Floyd county talent showcased in HONK!, and we hope everyone will come out and enjoy their performance.

The Floyd County Youth Company cast will include Stacie Carriere as Fluffy and Josh Carriere (a froglet) both of Martin and the children of Ken and Angie Carriere.

Both Jenny Wiley Theatre and the Mountain Arts Center are excited to offer this family friendly production, and hope that area groups will take advantage of these productions. School Matinees are on Tuesday, April 13 and Thursday, April 15

They presently perform with the Kentucky Opry and have performed in several JWT Productions. Jessica Hall (a froglet), the eight-year-old daughter of Gwen and Jeff Hall of Prestonsburg was last seen in The Wizard of Oz. Eleven-year-old Chelsea Hereford (a froglet), daughter of Pam Hereford of Prestonsburg was last seen in JWT's production of

Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat. Bryan Lowe (a froglet) was a Munchkin in last season's The Wizard of Oz. He's the ten-year-old son of Kim Mullins of Harold. Nine-year-old Alex Lester, son of Ron and Teressa Lester of Prestonsburg, takes on the role of Beaky. He was in the 2003 cast of A Christmas Carol. Victoria May (a froglet) is the nine-

year-old daughter of Cheryl and Frank May of Allen. She has performed most recently in A Christmas Carol at the MAC. Michaela Tussey (a froglet), was last seen as Fan in JWT's production of A Christmas Carol. She's the eleven-year-old daughter of Lisa Tussey of Garrett and Mickey Bentley of Pikeville.

Adult company members will include long-time JWT alum Jonathan Goble of Prestonsburg. Wesley Nelson of Banner will take on the lead character of Ugly.

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POSTSCRIPT

What happens now?

One of my cousins trained as a tool and die maker, designing and creating molds for the manufacturing of parts for all kinds of products.



Pam Shingler
contributing writer

He became quite proficient and moved into management. In a career spanning more than 30 years, he's been very successful, making

more money in one year than I've made in three or four (not that that's enough to make him rich). Most recently, he's worked for

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FEATURE COLUMN

Things to ponder: Social Isolation

Not that I'm a scholar of the cave days, my opinion and some others' is that Mr. and Mrs. Cave Person and children were more likely to survive when they stayed in groups. They also had their roles and responsibilities. All of the males went together into the forest to kill animals and bring them home to their "rock condo." After their return, the men possibly talked of which team member had run the fastest and was the quickest that day. Of course, it was woman's work for the females to prepare the meat and

save the skin for clothing. Next the food was grilled over the barbeque pit lined with wood gathered by the children. Eventually, the wolves were tamed and brought into the family's habitat as "cave pets." It is hard to imagine the little band of people having many "fun" activities, since they were probably thinking of nothing else by surviving. They accepted the importance of wanting to and being with others. They wanted to socialize to get their needs met and to enjoy themselves.

Needless to say, a lot of things have gradually changed from those days of individuals staying together in order to survive, to the present with individuals having the choice of whether or not they want to be with others. An idea is that, after a hectic day of "have to do" activities, personal "down time" of quietly being alone and doing whatever is cherished. It brings rapture to the soul and is greatly appreciated. It is like that private little haven or space for mental, emotional, and physical relaxation. Those times

are certainly needed and are of benefit. They are an important part of having the best mental health possible.

In contrast, not wanting to be with others and avoiding being around other people, to the point of being alone as much as possible, is considered social isolation. Also, following the desire to be alone at this level is viewed as a mental health symptom. Some frequent comments made by individuals striving for social



Mable Rowe Lineberger, Ph.D.

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School Happenings

ADAMS MIDDLE SCHOOL YOUTH SERVICES CENTER

■ Apr. 17 - Community Baby Shower, Mt. Arts Center, 9 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. FREE to all Floyd County expectant parents or parents with children up to 1 year of age. Mini-workshops, exhibits, door prizes, goody bags, refreshments. Sponsored by various community agencies.

■ Apr. 27 - "Give Yourself a Break Day" at Mt. Arts Center. Registration begins at 8:30 a.m., program begins at 9 a.m. FREE to all Floyd County parents. Information, fun, door prizes, refreshments. Sponsored by Floyd County Family Resource and Youth Services Centers.

**Recreation Room now open for students after school. Anyone who has items to donate to the room, please call the center.

■ The AMS Youth Services Center is open all year to assist students and families in need. Please drop by or call the center at 886-9812 for more information on any of the above activities, or to request assistance with a family need. Center is open from 8 a.m. - 4 p.m., and later by appointment.

Center coordinator, Michelle Keathley. Assistant coordinator, Sheila Allen. Center offers services to all students regardless of income.

ALLEN CENTRAL MIDDLE SCHOOL

■ ACMS Youth Service Center distributes school activity calendars on the first school day of each month to all students. Parents should be advised to watch for these informative materials as a means to staying informed on school happenings.

■ The ACMS Youth Service Center is open each day from 8:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m., or later by appointment. For more information about the center or any listed activities, call LaDonna Patton, coordinator, or Marilyn Bailey, assistant, at 358-0134.

ALLEN ELEMENTARY AND FAMILY RESOURCE YOUTH SERVICE CENTER

■ Call Allen Elementary Youth Service Center at 874-0621 to schedule your child's Hepatitis B vaccination, immunizations, and WIC appointment.

BETSY LAYNE ELEMENTARY

■ The Family Resource Youth Service Center provides services and referral services to all families regardless of income. The center is located in the middle building of the Betsy Layne Elementary School. Office hours are Mon. - Fri., 8 a.m. until 3 p.m.

■ Open enrollment for After School Child Care is available through the Family Resource Center. Service hours are 3 p.m. to 6 p.m.

■ Contact the center at 478-5550. Contact persons are Brian Akers and Charlotte Rogers.

CLARK ELEMENTARY

■ March 25 - SBDM Council meeting, 4:30 p.m., in school library. All welcome.

**Each Wednesday, 3:15 p.m., "Fit Club" for 3rd, 4th, and 5th grades.

■ We are currently scheduling Hep B immunizations and physicals for 5th grade students. Also scheduling appointments for WIC services. These services are available to anyone in

the community.

■ The Clark Elementary Family Resource Center provides services for all families regardless of income. We are located in the Clark Elementary School building and can be reached by calling 886-0815.

DUFF ELEMENTARY

■ March 29-April 2 - SPRING BREAK.

■ Floyd County Health Dept. is at the school each Tuesday. Services include 6th grade school entry physical; Kindergarten, Head Start and Well-Child physicals; T.B. skin test; T.D. boosters; and WIC services. Please call 358-9878 for appointment if you are in need of any of these services.

■ The J.A. Duff Elementary Family Resource Center provides services for all families regardless of income. We are located in the tan metal building at the rear of the school. Please call or stop by to see us in our new location. Contact persons are Judy Handshoe, coordinator, and Ruby Bailey, assistant.

MAY VALLEY ELEMENTARY

■ March 25 & 26 - Kindergarten registration, 8:30 a.m. until 2:00 p.m.

■ Parent Lending Library is available to parents for video check-outs. A variety of topics are available.

■ Floyd County Health Dept. nurse at school every Wednesday. Services include Headstart physicals, kindergarten physicals, 6th grade physicals, well-child physicals, immunizations, TB skin test, WIC program, blood pressure checks, and more. Must call the FRC at 285-0321 for an appoint-

ment.

■ Lending library available to parents for check out of videos of their interest.

MCDOWELL ELEMENTARY AND FAMILY RESOURCE CENTER

■ GED classes held in the library on Monday and Wednesday of each week, 8:00 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.

PARENT SUPPORT GROUP CALENDAR:

■ April 15 - No meeting. All parents invited to attend "Give Yourself a Break Day" at the Mt. Arts Center.

■ May 4 - Nutrition/Obesity. ■ Floyd County Health Department Nurse Joy Moore, is at the center each Monday to administer immunizations, T.B. skin tests, well-child exams, WIC, prenatal and post-partum services, and school physicals. Call 377-2678 for an appointment.

PRESTONSBURG ELEMENTARY AND FAMILY RESOURCE CENTER

■ April 5 - SBDM Council meeting, 5 p.m., in school auditorium. All welcome.

■ April 17 - "Fun Fair for Expectant and New Parents," 9:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m., at the Mountain Arts Center. For additional info., call the FRC at 886-7088.

■ April 25 - "Give Yourself a Break Day," sponsored by the Floyd County FRYSC's, 8:45 a.m. to 2:00 p.m., at the Mountain Arts Center. Door prizes, fun workshops and FREE lunch!

■ The Family Resource Center is open weekdays 8 a.m.-

4 p.m.

■ After School Child Care, 3-6 p.m., school days.

■ Call 886-7088 for additional information regarding the Prestonsburg Elementary Family Resource Center or its programs.

SOUTH FLOYD YOUTH SERVICES CENTER

■ Walking track open to public (except during special event).

■ The center has a one-stop career station satellite that is available to the community as well as students.

■ Anyone interested in Adult Ed may contact the center for information.

■ All new students and visitors, stop by the Center, located on the South Floyd campus, Room 232, and see Mable Hall.

■ For more information call 452-9600 or 9607 and ask for Mable Hall, ext. 243, or Keith Smallwood, ext. 242, or Donna Johnson, ext. 153.

STUMBO ELEMENTARY/MUD CREEK FAMILY RESOURCE CENTER

■ Apr. 7 - 4-H Project Day, 9 a.m. to 12 p.m.

■ Apr. 17 - "Fun Fair for New & Expectant Parents," 9 a.m. to 2 p.m., Mountain Arts Ctr.

■ Apr. 27 - "Give Yourself a Break Day," for all parents, grandparents & guardians, Mountain Arts Ctr.

■ Resource Center hours are 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Parents and community members are welcome to visit. For questions, call 587-2233 - ask for Tristan Parsons, Center Coordinator, or Anita Tackett, Assistant.

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Ponder

isolation are: "I just want to be by myself. I don't want to have to interact with anyone. Why should people keep trying to make me join in? They just need to leave me alone! People really irritate me to death. Why don't they go away?" Typically, these folks are depressed. It is as though they want to crawl in a hole and bring it in with them, as the old saying goes. They feel so down, unhappy, sad, etc., that they don't have the energy, mentally, emotionally, or physically, to cope with others. They sincerely want to not be disturbed. They want to go on with their "routine" without interruption of any kind. On the depressive inventory, depressed adults will indicate that they have lost most or all of their interest in other people. Depressed children will report on their questionnaire that they do not like being or do not want to be with people at all.

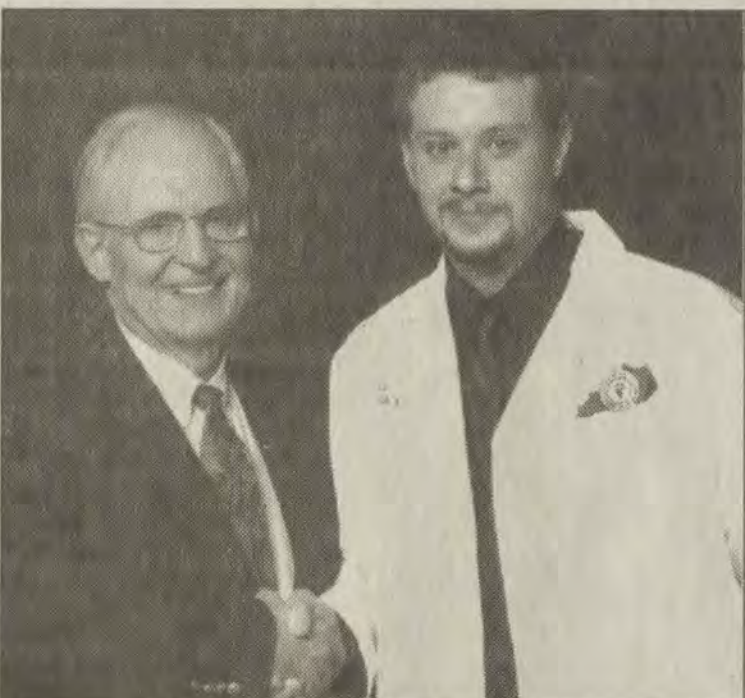
Seeking social isolation can also become a separate diagnosis - Social Phobia or Social Anxiety Disorder. According to the diagnostic code, this is when there is a marked and persistent fear of one or more social or performance situations in which the person is exposed to unfamiliar people or to possible scrutiny by others. The individual fears that she will act in a way (or show anxiety symptoms) that will be humiliating or embarrassing. The feared social or performance situations are avoided or else are endured with intense anxiety or distress. As a result, the anxiety and/or fear of the situation interfere significantly with the person's normal routine, occupational (academic) functioning, social activities, social relationships, or there is marked distress about having the phobia. There is an additional situation where exposure to the feared social situation almost invariably provokes anxiety. In these cases, the person recognizes that the fear is excessive or unreasonable.

Nonetheless, staying socially isolated is seen as their best choice. Another possible diagnosis including social isolation pertains to Post-Traumatic Stress Disorder, when the significantly traumatizing occurred in a social setting and the individual wants to avoid similar ones so that the anxiety and painful flashbacks of what happened will not reoccur.

It is very sad that social isolation and loneliness are often considered problems of the elderly. As is well known, as folks get older, many outlive relatives and friends. As a result, social interactions might become limited, as individuals stay closer to home, due to difficulties getting around physical-

ly and have more chronic illness. The ones who tend to be dissatisfied with their declining social network are more likely to be lonely. These individuals are also more apt to live alone and have poor health. Researchers have defined social isolation as an objective measure of social interaction, while social loneliness is considered to be the person's reaction to the dissatisfaction with a low number of social contacts. One of the questions has to do with whether or not loneliness results from decreased contacts with other people due to ill health, or if decreased contact and the

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Dr. Don Denton, left, president-elect of the Kentucky Veterinary Medical Association, congratulates Tussey on his achievement.

Hueysville native 'coated' at Auburn University

Shawn Tussey, right, recently received his clinical white coat from Auburn University's College of Veterinary Medicine. The coats, presented to students at the end of their junior year, mark the transition from veterinary sciences into senior clinical rotations where students help administer patient care.

Shawn received a degree in food science from the

University of Kentucky in 2001. He is a 1996 graduate of Allen Central High School. He is the son of Bill and Priscilla Tussey, of Hueysville.

The Alabama Veterinary Medical Association and the Kentucky Veterinary Medical Association provided the monogrammed coats, while Pfizer Animal Health sponsored a ceremony.

Honk

April 13 and Thursday, April 15 with performances beginning at 9:30 AM and Noon. The show's running time is 90 minutes. School Matinee Tickets are \$6.00/Student \$8.00/Adult. For School Matinee Tickets, call the Mountain Arts Center locally at 886-2623 or toll free at 1-888-MAC-ARTS. Public Performances will be Friday, April 16 and Saturday, April 17 beginning at 7:30 PM. Public Performance Tickets are \$8.00/Youth (under 21), \$10.00/Seniors (55+), and \$12.00/Adult. For public performance group rates, contact the Theatre at 1-877-CALL-JWT or email groups@jwtheatre.com.

Teacher's guides and Sunday School Material are available upon request. For more information go online at www.jwtheatre.com.

HONK! is sponsored by Appalachian Wireless. Jenny Wiley Theatre Educational Programs are sponsored by EASTERN KENTUCKY CARDIOLOGY SERVICES in Prestonsburg, KY.

* Jenny Wiley Theatre receives funding from individuals, corporations, the Prestonsburg Convention and Visitors Bureau, Paintsville Tourism Commission, the Kentucky Arts Council and the Kentucky Department of Travel.

Eyes

followed by "wild-child" Trevor (Patton) (just kidding, Jayne and Darrell, your son is actually a very polite houseguest). That made a total of four long-legged, rambunctious and eternally hungry young men running in and out of my front door to take part in a variety of activities such as shooting baskets, shooting paintballs and climbing the hillside behind my house. And this doesn't include asking for the keys to my car every 45 minutes so that they could move it to "make more room to play ball in the driveway" (wasn't born yesterday, guys - am fully aware that you were quite enjoying that 'drive' up and down the incline).

During the course of the weekend, the fence across my drive was repeatedly assaulted with an onslaught of paintballs (by the way, boys, didn't y'all promise to wash the paint away? Were you thinking maybe that ole Mother Nature might take care of that little job for you?), my neighbors chickens were repeatedly terrorized by these fun-loving boys who happened to think it was just hilarious to watch the feathers fly as paintballs exploded right behind the poor birds' backsides, and my own state of mind was seriously threatened with each whoop, holler and stomp I was subjected to.

And let's not even mention the subject of food. Or maybe, let's do. Knowing full well what I was in for in this department, I got up early Saturday morning and started cooking. Two well-browned chuck roasts, over half a dozen peeled potatoes, an

entire bag of mini carrots and about four onions went into the largest pot in my house post-haste. In addition, a large pot of mashed potatoes was prepared, along with green beans, buttered corn, combread, and some sort of homemade apple dessert "thingy" that I threw together as an afterthought.

It looked as though I was cooking for an army, and, as it were, I was. For not too long in the day, my youngest, Elizabeth, called from a friend's house to ask if she could have a friend over, also. "Two little girls," I thought, "what harm could it do?," as I said, "Yes, I guess so."

So, the four soon became six and this didn't include counting my oldest, Emily, who sat alone and forlorn in her room before venturing out to ask (with big puppy-dog eyes), "Well, what about me? Everyone but me has

a friend over. Can I invite someone, too?" Considering the argument, how could I possibly say no? Turns out, though, that Emily (being the crafty and wily child that she is) managed to wrangle a resigned "yes" out of me when she asked if her friend's sister could also come over. So, six now became nine.

Nine teenagers, a bunch of scared chickens, one nervous Pug, one skittish cat, and a mother caught up in a wild menagerie (it was a little like "A Partridge in a Pear Tree" minus the joviality of the Christmas season).

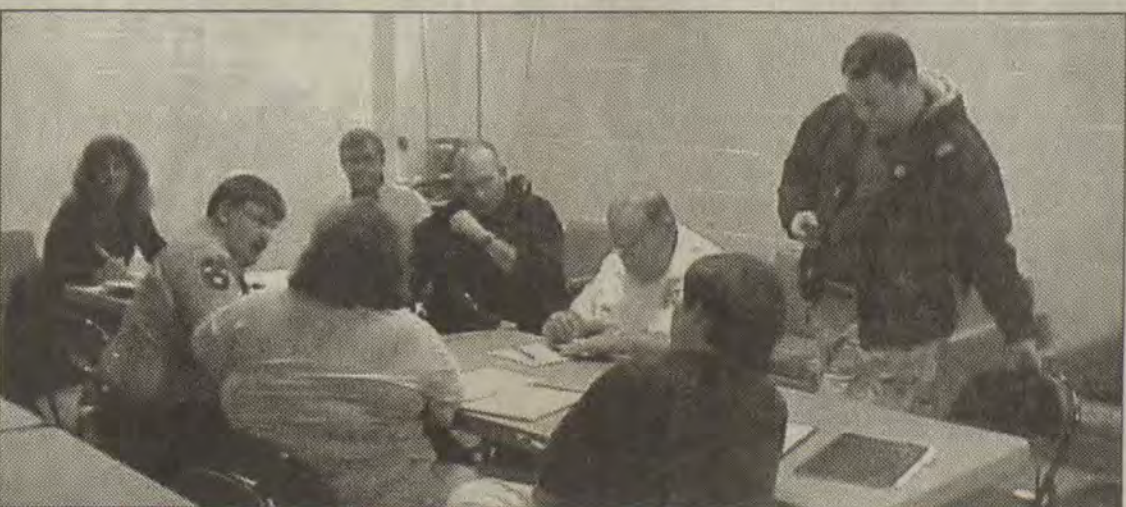
By mid-afternoon the next day, there was not a soda, chip, snack cake, drop of milk, banana or even a spoonful of ice cream left anywhere in the house. Nor was there a single

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Postal Bingo' shares stamp art with seniors

"The Wayland Post Office recently partnered with the Wayland Senior Citizens Center to host a special "Stamp Bingo" event, held Monday morning, March 22, at the center. The center routinely hosts weekly bingo games. Many of the prizes awarded were stamps from the Breast Cancer Awareness stamp series, the Heroes series, the Dr. Seuss series, and other commemorative series'. Postmaster Genevieve Combs served as

honorary bingo caller. "I really enjoyed spending time with our friends at the center and showing off some of our great stamps," she said. "We can all do more to bring a little enjoyment to our senior citizen communities." Those attending the special event were: Lizzie Caudill, Bessie Gibson, Mary Stewart, Harry Price, Topsisie Gibson, Mavis Hicks, Pina Hicks, Nellie Deaton, Lucille Chaffins, and Ima Jean Gibson.



LEPC examines emergency preparedness

Members of the Floyd County Local Emergency Planning Committee (LEPC) are pictured above during a recent meeting. The Floyd County LEPC was created as part of the Kentucky Emergency Response Commission. The LEPC assists in the development of plans to prepare emergency response organizations within the city and county governments to respond effectively to the release of hazardous substances. Anyone interested in becoming a member of the Floyd County LEPC should contact Jim Caldwell, director, Floyd County Emergency Management, at 886-9678. Committee meetings are held quarterly.

Please, keep 'em coming!

Our pet photos file needs replenishing, and we know that you have lots of precious pics to share with us, so, please, send them along! And while you're at it, help Dr. Carol get her creative thoughts jumpstarted by sending along a few questions about "pet things you've always wanted to know but have been afraid to ask"! You can send both pictures and questions to: Kathy Prater at the Floyd County Times, P.O. Box 390, Prestonsburg, KY 41653, or you may e-mail to: features@floydcountytimes.com. You may also send questions only to Dr. Carol at: 1768 KY Rt. 7, Estill, KY 41666, or e-mail to: carolbcac@tusa.net. We'll be waiting to hear from you!



Family Medicine

By Martha A. Simpson, D.O., M.B.A.



Son not allergic to milk, has symptoms of lactose intolerance

Q I think my son is allergic to milk. He gets stomach-aches after drinking milk and is real gassy. He sometimes gets stomach-aches from other foods like bread and cake. Is there something else he could be allergic to? Are there tests the doctor can do to tell if he is allergic to milk? I had to give him soy formula as a baby, but I thought he had outgrown this problem.

A What you describe could be lactose intolerance. Many people call this a milk allergy, but technically it's not an allergy at all. People with this disorder have an inability to

digest lactose — the primary "milk sugar." This is because they do not produce a specific enzyme, lactase, in sufficient quantities to break down the lactose in the dairy products they consume into digestible sugars.

Normally the lactase enzyme is found in the small intestines. It breaks the lactose into glucose and galactose — the digestible sugars I just mentioned. In most people the lactase enzyme levels decrease with age, so a person actually "grows into" lactose intolerance. Interestingly, many people of European descent don't seem to experience a decrease in their lactase levels as they age. This is thought to be

due to a genetic mutation. On the other hand, some ethnic and racial groups have a very high incidence of lactose intolerance. Over 90 percent of Asian Americans, for instance, are lactose intolerant.

In people who do not produce enough lactase, the lack of ability to digest the lactose results in diarrhea, abdominal pain and gas. Symptoms may depend on how much lactose is consumed. Not everyone who is deficient in lactase production has symptoms of lactose intolerance.

While most cases of lactose intolerance are due to the normal decrease in lactase production over time, there are some diseases of the small intestines that can cause lactose intolerance. Because of that, you should have your child evaluated by his physician, especially if his stomachaches are causing weight loss. There are some blood tests, breath tests and stool tests that

can diagnose lactose intolerance.

If that is the diagnosis, treatment is relatively straightforward — avoid lactose by steering clear of milk and related products. This simple step can "cure" most of the symptoms. Start reading labels very carefully, looking for milk, non-fat milk, milk solids, whey and butter, to name a few. Once you start reading labels, you will find that milk-based products are found in many foods, like bread, cake mixes and milk chocolate.

Be sure to discuss calcium and vitamin D supplementation with your physician since avoiding milk could deprive a growing child of these essential nutrients. Also, experiment with foods a bit. You may find that your son can't tolerate a large milk shake, but a small ice cream cone or piece of cake is okay.

Also, there are special lactase pills available without a prescription that he

could take before consuming dairy products. These add the missing enzyme and thus aid digestion of lactose. Finally, some groceries now carry special milk that has had the lactose removed as well as other dairy products made out of this type of milk.

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School

W.D. OSBORNE "RAINBOW JUNCTION" FAMILY RESOURCE CENTER

■ "Lost and Found" located in the Center. Parents need to pick up their children's items within two weeks. Any items not claimed within two weeks, becomes the property of the FRC.

■ Rainbow Junction Family Resource Center is located in the W. D. Osborne Elementary School. Hours of operation - 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Monday through Friday, or later by appointment. Call 452-4553 and ask for Cissy or Karen. Parents/community members free to visit any time.

FLOYD COUNTY ADULT ED CLASS SCHEDULE

■ Monday: McDowell Elem. - 8-11 a.m. - 377-2678; Wayland Comm. Ctr. - 8 a.m. to 12 p.m. - 358-3400; Wheelwright Comm. Ctr. - 12:30-4:30 p.m. - 452-2500.

■ Tuesday: Betsy Layne High

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School - 8-11:30 a.m. - 478-3389; Auxier Lifetime Learning Ctr. - 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. - 886-0709; Martin Adult Ed. Ctr. - 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. - 285-5111; PCC (Room J148) - 1:30-4:30 p.m. - 886-8374; St. James Episcopal Church - 5-8 p.m. - 886-8046.

■ Wednesday: McDowell Elem. - 8-11:30 a.m. - 377-2678; Wayland Comm. Ctr. - 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. - 358-3400.

■ Thursday: Betsy Layne High School - 8-11:30 a.m. - 478-3389; Auxier Lifetime Learning Ctr. - 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. - 886-0709; Martin Adult Ed. Ctr. - 8 a.m. to 12 p.m. - 285-5111; Wheelwright Comm. Ctr. - 12:30-4:30 p.m. - 452-2500; PCC (Room J148) - 1:30-4:30 p.m. - 886-8374; St. James Episcopal Church - 5-8 p.m. - 886-8046.

*All classes and materials free of charge. Feel free to contact any of the above numbers or the David School at 886-8374 for further information.

Postscript

a company that has already closed several plants. A few years ago, he was transferred from Tennessee to Texas when the plant near Nashville shut down.

He's spent more than half of the last three years helping to start up a new factory in China, a large complex where people work for a fraction of what the company's former American workers made.

My cousin dislikes what he's a part of. But he's within spitting distance of retirement and he's trying to make it through, just as most of us would do.

It's a good thing he is nearing the end of his career. If he were just starting out, his future would be bleak.

In case you haven't noticed, we're not making much stuff in this country any more. Like my cousin's company, most of our

good-old, red-white-and-blue, all-American manufacturers are moving to where the money isn't — China, India, Mexico, Guatemala, and the list goes on.

With US workers making livable wages, the top executive and big investors still got rich. Executives make 400 times more than the average laborer these days.

And still they want more, so they move overseas where they can make thousands of times more.

Many of us own shares in companies, particularly through retirement funds. But most of us are penny-ante investors.

The big investors who profit most from cheap labor are the super-rich and other large companies. They apparently don't care from whom their dividends come or at what cost to other people. Their own concern is

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how much money they will make.

They juggle their time among multiple homes across the country and overseas. We juggle a single mortgage payment with an electric bill and medical costs.

We live in two different worlds and ours is disappearing.

We're about to find out what happens to a culture when it no longer sustains itself, when it no longer makes the stuff it uses, no longer takes pride in its independence and self-sufficiency.

We're on a threshold with nowhere to go.

Eyes

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quiet nerve left in my entire body.

And, to think, these boys actually wanted me to get up the next day and do the "biscuits and gravy" husky breakfast thing for them! A quick trip to the grocery for more milk, cereal,

doughnuts and fruit was all I could muster. Next time, if they want the breakfast buffet instead of the continental, they better reserve a table at the Holiday Inn.

See ya later, folks (and Shawn, we sure missed you!). Bye-bye!

Ponder

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possibility of loneliness comes before ill health. Women were found to be more socially isolated than were the men, and a greater proportion of the women expressed the highest level of loneliness. The older men were thought to not be socially isolated and lonely, because they had a greater likelihood of being married than many women. Almost one-third more of one research group were more likely to be lonely, and half again as likely to have few rather than many social contacts. Another research project concluded that social isola-

tion might be influencing health through health behaviors, such as smoking, alcohol consumption, less physical exercises and obesity. This was a time that an older patient that was socially isolated might benefit from having a pet. Ironically, those underlying issues in their lives that are making them depressed could be treated with just the thing they avoid, social contact. So the next time someone tells you to "get lost and leave me alone," keep in mind that might be the only way they can say, "please help me."

Birthdays



Jacob is 2!

Jacob Lonzo Jervis celebrated his second birthday on Saturday, March 6, 2004, with a "Teletubbie" theme party attended by family and friends. Jacob is the son of Lonzo and Tammy Jervis, of Endicott.

Drift Postmaster, Vickie Boyd, right, presented visiting OLW nurse, Carol Jo May, with a set of commemorative Sweetheart stamps during the Feb. 27 special event.

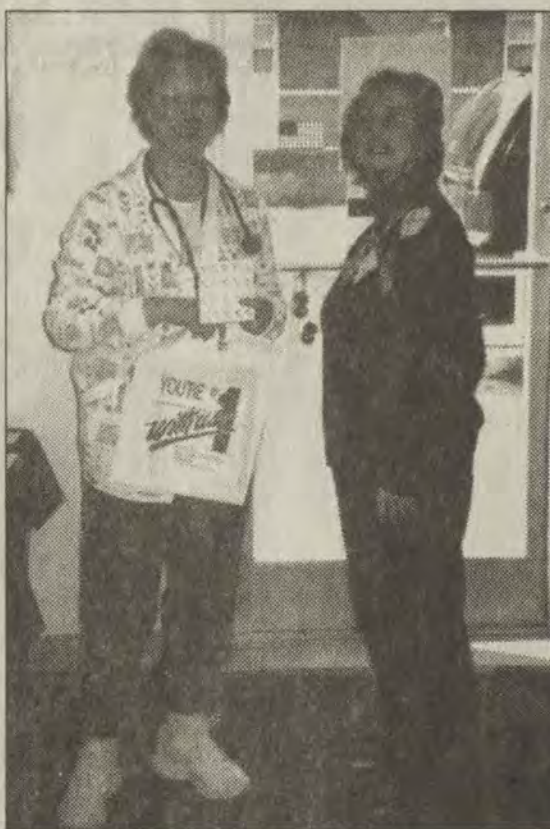
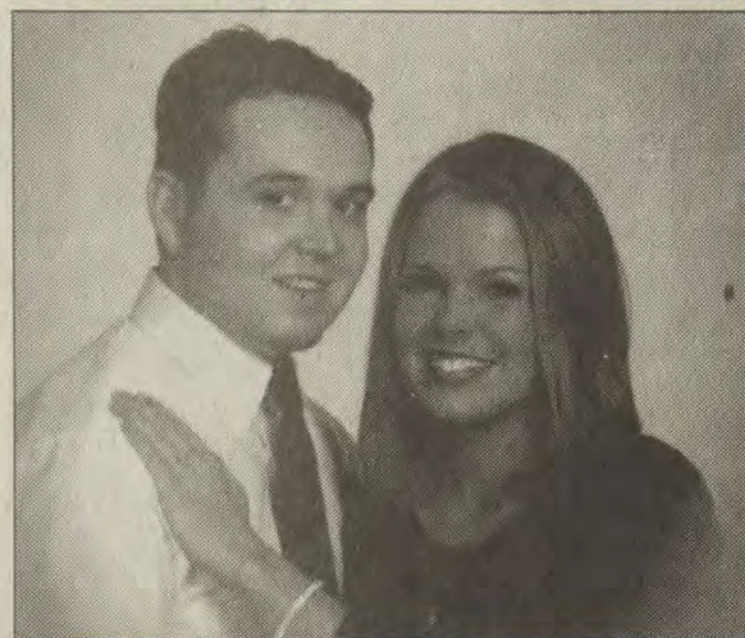


photo by Vickie Boyd

Drift Post Office patron, Berta Turner, gets her blood pressure checked by OLW nurse, Carol Jo May.



Weddings



Newsome-Mitchell

Michael and Donna Newsome, of Grethel, and Barbara Mitchell, of Prestonsburg, are pleased to announce the forthcoming marriage of their children, Kristal Devonne Newsome and Billy Mitchell. Kristal is employed as a nurse in the office of Dr. Charles Nichols, Pikeville. Billy is employed by Massey Energy, Sidney. The couple will wed in a ceremony that will take place on Saturday, April 3, 2004, at half past four o'clock in the afternoon, at the Betsy Layne Freewill Baptist Church.

Drift post office celebrates heart health

by Willie Elliott

As part of American Heart Celebration which was observed all during the month of February, Vickie Boyd and her staff at the Drift Post Office held their "Sweet Heart Day" on February 27 from 10-12 a.m.

What better way to have a celebration of the heart than make blood pressure readings available to post office patrons. Carol Jo May from Our Lady of the Way Hospital in Martin was on hand to take blood pressure readings. Boyd said that thirty-one patrons

took advantage of this service, and fifty informational packets on the heart and its workings were distributed.

Post office visitors on that day signed up for a number of prizes that were available. Prizes included a set of commemorative stamps, a sugar-free (you would expect no less on heart day) candy heart box, calendars, candles and other prizes.

Boyd and her staff wish to thank all patrons who took part in the celebration and invites them back again next year for another celebration.

Announcements



Mud Creek area postmasters host Senior Appreciation Day

The United States Postal Service, in cooperation with the Mud Creek Senior Citizens Center, held a Senior Citizens Appreciation Day at the center, located in Grethel, on Friday, February 20. Highlights of the day included bingo games and award presentations for various accomplishments. J.D. Roberts was awarded the "Best Costume" prize. J.D. dressed as Wyatt Earp to commemorate the "Hollywood Legends" postal stamp. Center director, Loretta Bentley, assisted the following Mud Creek area postmasters in staging the special event. Shown, from left to right, in photo are: Loretta Bentley, J.D. Roberts, Ruth Laferty (Teaberry postmaster), Anna Spradlin (Grethel postmaster), Sue Newsome (Beaver postmaster), and Gladys Mitchell (visiting Sitka postmaster).

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ASSEMBLY OF GOD

First Assembly of God, Martin; Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m. and 6 p.m.; Wednesday, 7 p.m.; Lorle Varnuoa, Minister.
 New Bethel Assembly of God, Burning Fork Rd., Salyersville; Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m. and 6 p.m.; Wednesday, 7 p.m. Arthur (Sam) Smith, Minister.
 Praise Assembly, 1 mile S. of Prestonsburg, intersection of Rt. 80 and U.S. 23; Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m. and 6:30 p.m.; Wednesday, 6:30 p.m.; J.M. Sloce, Minister.

BAPTIST

Allen First Baptist, Allen; Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m. and 7 p.m.; Wednesday, 7 p.m.; Arnold Turner, Minister.
 Auxler Freewill Baptist, Auxler; Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m. and 6 p.m.; Thursday, 7 p.m.; Bobby Spencer, Pastor.
 Benedict Baptist, Slick Rock Branch, Cow Creek; Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m. and 6 p.m.; Wednesday, 7 p.m.; Gordon Fitch, Minister.
 Betsy Layne Free Will Baptist, Betsy Layne; Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m. and 6 p.m.; Wednesday, 7 p.m.; Tracy Patton, Minister.
 Bonanza Freewill Baptist, Abbott Creek Road, Bonanza; Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m.; Wednesday, 7 p.m.; Jimmy D. Brown, Minister.
 Brandy Keg Freewill Baptist, Corn Fork; Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m.; Wednesday, 7 p.m.; Roger Music, Minister.
 Calvary Southern Baptist, Betsy Layne; Sunday School, 9:45 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m. and 7 p.m.; Wednesday, 7 p.m.; Doug Lewis, Minister.
 Community Freewill Baptist, Goble Roberts Addition; Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m. and 6 p.m.; Wednesday, 7 p.m.; Paul D. Coleman, Minister.
 Cow Creek Freewill Baptist, Cow Creek; Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Sunday, 11 a.m. and 6 p.m.; Wednesday, 7 p.m.; Nathan Lafferty, Minister.
 Daniels Creek Baptist Fellowship Church of God, Banner; Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 7 p.m.; Tuesday, 6:30 p.m.;
 Drift Freewill Baptist, Drift; Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 6:30 p.m.; Thursday, 6:30 p.m.; Jim Fields, Minister.
 Endicott Freewill Baptist, Buffalo; Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 6 p.m.; Wednesday, 7 p.m.; James H. Smith, Pastor.
 Faith Freewill Baptist, 14 mile above Worldwide Egypt on Rt. 1428; Sunday Service, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m. and 6 p.m.; Wednesday, 7 p.m.; Buddy Jones, Minister.
 First Baptist, Garrett; Sunday School, 9:45 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m. and 7 p.m.; Wednesday, 7 p.m.; Randy Osborne, Minister.
 First Baptist, Martin; Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m. Sunday Evening Service 7 p.m.; Wednesday, 7 p.m.; Greydon Howard, Minister.
 First Baptist, 54 S. Front St. (Irene Cole Memorial); Sunday School, 9:45 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m. and 7 p.m.; Wednesday, 7 p.m.; Dr. Floyd Price, minister.
 Fitzpatrick First Baptist, 2656 West Mt. Parkway, Prestonsburg; Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m. and 6 p.m.; Wednesday, 7 p.m.; Jennings West, Minister.
 Free United Baptist, West Prestonsburg; Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m. and 6:30 p.m.; Wednesday, 7 p.m.;
 Free United Baptist, West Prestonsburg; Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m. and 6:30 p.m.; Wednesday, 6:30 p.m.
 Grethel Baptist, State Rt. 3379, (Branhams Creek Rd.); Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m. and 6:30 p.m.; Wednesday, 6:30 p.m.

Facts About The BIBLE

BY JOHN LEHTI



THE NEAR-EAST'S BALANCE OF POWER IS OF WORLD-WIDE CONCERN TODAY. EGYPT AND ISRAEL FENCE, DIPLOMATICALLY, EACH HOPING TO GAIN A MOBE STRATEGIC POSITION. TO THE NORTH, SYRIA, LEBANON, AND TO THE EAST, JORDAN—NOT TO MENTION OTHER ARAB COALITIONS—ALL WATCH NERVOUSLY, MAKING THEIR OWN ALLIANCES AGAINST THE DAY WHEN TOTAL WAR MAY STILL BREAK OUT... AND SCHOLARS OF ANCIENT HISTORY SMILE SUBTLY, SHAKING THEIR HEADS. NOTHING'S CHANGED IN 2,500 YEARS! THE SAME POLITICAL SITUATIONS, THE SAME COUNTRIES, SAME PLANS!

ISAIAH THE PROPHET (CIRCA 760-700 B.C.), IN TEMPESTUOUS ANCIENT TIMES, PREACHED RELIANCE ON GOD, ADVISING AGAINST POLITICAL ALLIANCE WITH NEIGHBORING COUNTRIES. SO SINCERE WAS HE, THAT HE STRIPPED AND FOR THREE YEARS, WALKED ABOUT BAREFOOTED, WEARING ONLY A LOIN CLOTH TO POINT UP HOW BAD OFF EVERYONE WAS GOING TO BE IF THEY DIDN'T HEED HIS WORDS! BUT THE KINGDOM OF JUDAH WAS IN A VERY DANGEROUS SITUATION....

... IN THE NORTH, SYRIA AND ISRAEL (SEPARATE FROM THE KINGDOM OF JUDAH AND JERUSALEM) HAD FORMED AN ALLIANCE AGAINST THE THREAT OF A TERRIBLE FOE TO THE EAST, ASSYRIA—THEN AT ITS HEIGHT AS A CONQUERING NATION, LOOTING AND DESPOLING ALL KINGDOMS IN ITS PATH TO WORLD POWER! SYRIA AND ISRAEL INTENDED TO ATTACK JUDAH FOR NOT JOINING THEM BUT, BEFORE THEY COULD, THEY WERE CONQUERED BY ASSYRIA, WHOSE KING, SENNACHERIB, THEN FOCUSED ON JERUSALEM, DEMANDING ITS TOTAL SURRENDER! KING HEZEKIAH SOUGHT ISAIAH'S ADVICE—WHEN HE WAS IN TROUBLE, THEN AND THEN ONLY, DID HE TURN TO GOD AND THE PROPHETS—WHEN EVERYTHING WAS FINE, HEZEKIAH DID AS HE DIDN'T WELL PLEASED! ISAIAH TOLD HEZEKIAH TO ACT LIKE A REAL KING, FOR ONCE, AND DEFEAT ASSYRIA! A HARD THING TO DO WHEN, ALL AROUND HIM, KINGDOMS WERE TOPPLING LIKE TEN-PINS. SO HEZEKIAH STRIPPED HIS TREASURY OF ITS GOLD AND SILVER TO GIVE TO SENNACHERIB, HOPING HE'D GO AWAY! AT THIS TIME, EGYPT TO THE SOUTHWEST, FEARING FOR ITS OWN SAFETY, GOT INTO THE FIGHT AND, EVEN AS ISAIAH SHOUTED DEFIANCE FROM JERUSALEM'S WALLS, SENNACHERIB, WITH NEWS OF A SERIOUS PLAGUE IN HIS OWN COUNTRY, HIS ARMY DECIMATED BY SOME SUDEN PLAGUE OF ILLNESS WHICH KILLED THOUSANDS OF HIS TROOPS OVERNIGHT, LEFT FOR HOME! INSTEAD OF GOING TO THE TEMPLE TO THANK GOD, THE PEOPLE OF JERUSALEM CELEBRATED IN A SERIES OF WILD ORGIES! ISAIAH'S WORDS FAIRLY DRIPPED SARCASTICALLY AS HE WATCHED... "EAT, DRINK AND BE MERRY," SAID HE. "FOR TOMORROW, COME HIS DIRE PREDICTION, "WE DIE!" ISAIAH SAW WHAT THE FUTURE HELD FOR A PEOPLE WHO TURNED TO RIOTOUS REVELRY AT THE SLIGHTEST EXCUSE—AND HE WAS RIGHT! IN LESS THAN TWENTY-FIVE YEARS, NINECHADNEZZAR WAS TO COME OUT OF THE EAST AND END FOREVER "THE POWER AND THE GLORY THAT WAS JERUSALEM."

NEXT WEEK: SIX-HUNDRED 'LEFTIES'!

SAVE THIS FOR YOUR SUNDAY SCHOOL SCRAP-BOOK.

This devotional and directory is made possible by these businesses who encourage all of us to attend worship services.

Highland Avenue Freewill Baptist; Sunday School, 9:50 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m. and 6 p.m.; Wednesday, 7 p.m.; David Garrett, Minister.
 Jacks Creek Baptist, Bevinville; Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m. and 6 p.m.; Wednesday, 7 p.m.; Jeff Barrett, Minister.
 Katy Friend Freewill Baptist, 2 miles up Abbott; Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m. and 6 p.m.; Wednesday, 7 p.m.; Jim Price, Minister.
 Lackey Freewill Baptist, Lackey; Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m.; Wednesday, 7 p.m.; Johnny J. Collins, Minister.
 Lancer Baptist Church; 71 Cooley St., Prestonsburg; Sunday School, 10:00 a.m. Morning Worship, 11:00 a.m., Evening Worship, 6:00 p.m., Wednesday Prayer Meeting and Bible Study, 7:00 p.m.; Pastor Bobby Carpenter
 Liberty Baptist, Denver; Sunday Service, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m. and 6 p.m.; Wednesday, 6 p.m.; Merle Little, Minister.
 Ligon Community Freewill Baptist, Ligon; Sunday Service, Sunday, 11:00 a.m. Thursday, 7 p.m.

Martin Branch Freewill Baptist, Estill; Sunday Service, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 11:15 a.m. and 7 p.m.; Wednesday, 7 p.m.; James (Red) Morris, Minister.
 Martin Freewill Baptist, Martin; Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m. and 6 p.m.; Wednesday, 7 p.m.; John L. Blair, Minister.
 Maytown First Baptist, Main St., Maytown; Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m. and 6 p.m.; Wednesday, 6 p.m.; Bob Varney, Minister.
 McDowell First Baptist, McDowell; Sunday School, 9:45 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m. and 6 p.m.; Wednesday, 7 p.m.; Gene Bracken, Minister.
 Middle Creek Baptist, Blue River; Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m. and 6 p.m.; Wednesday, 7 p.m.; Eugene Cook, Minister.
 Lighthouse Baptist, 2194 KY Rt. 1428, Prestonsburg; Sunday Service, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m. and 6 p.m.; Wednesday, 7 p.m.; Donald Crisp, Minister. home phone 285-3385
 Pleasant Home Baptist, Water Gap Road, Lancer; Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m. and 6 p.m.; Wednesday, 7 p.m.; Mark Tackett, Pastor.
 Prater Creek Baptist, Banner; Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m. and 6 p.m.; Wednesday, 7 p.m.; J.B. Hall, Pastor.

Prestonsburg Community College Baptist Student Union, J 102; Wednesday, 11:30 a.m.; French B. Harmon, Director; Ella C. Goble, President; 874-9468/478-2978.
 Rock Fork Freewill Baptist; Garrett Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m.; Wednesday, 7 p.m.; Wendell Crager, Minister.
 Rock Fork Regular Baptist, Garrett; Worship Service, 9:30 a.m.; Earl Stone, Minister; Jerry Manns, Assistant Minister.
 Salt Lick United Baptist, Salt Lick, Hueysville; Worship Service, 10:30 a.m.; 4th Sunday; Thursday, 6:30 p.m.; Pastor, Chester Lucas.
 Sammy Clark Branch Freewill Baptist, Dana; Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m. and 6 p.m.; Wednesday, 6:30 p.m.; Pastor, Robert Shane Powers.
 Stephens Branch Missionary Baptist, Stephens Branch; Sunday Service, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m.; Wednesday, 6 p.m.
 The Third Avenue Freewill Baptist; Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m. and 6 p.m.; Wednesday, 7 p.m.
 Tom's Creek Freewill Baptist, U.S. 23 (north of Layne Brothers); Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m. and 6 p.m.; Wednesday, 7 p.m.; Chuck Ferguson, Minister.

Tom Moore Memorial Freewill Baptist; Cliff Road; Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m.; Youth Service, 5:00 p.m.; Evening Service, 6:00 p.m.; No Service the 1st Sunday of each month; Wednesday, 7 p.m.; Jody Spencer, Minister.
 Trimble Chapel Freewill Baptist; Intersection of U.S. 23 and KY 80, Water Gap; Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Morning Worship Service, 11 a.m. and Evening Worship Service 6 p.m.; Wednesday Bible Study, 7 p.m., Youth Services 7 p.m.; Everyone Welcome.
 United Community Baptist, Hwy. 7, Hueysville; Worship Service, 2 p.m.; Friday, 7 p.m.; Carlos Beverly, Minister.
 Wheelwright Freewill Baptist, Wheelwright Junction; Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m. and 7 p.m.; Wednesday, 7 p.m.; Louis Ferrari, Minister.
 Mother's Home Church, Toler Creek, Harold; 9:30 the 2nd Saturday and Sunday of every month. Moderator, Kermit Newsome.

CATHOLIC
 St. Martha, Water Gap; Mass: Sunday, 11:15 a.m.; Saturday, 5 p.m.; Sunday; Father Robert Dammron, pastor.

CHRISTIAN
 First Christian, 560 North Arnold Avenue; Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m.; Jim Sherman, Minister.
 Garrett Community Christian, Route 550, Garrett; Worship Service, 10:30 a.m. and 6:30 p.m.; Wednesday, 6:30 p.m.; Donnie Hackworth, Minister.
 Victory Christian Ministries, 1428 E.; Sunday School, 11:30 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m.; Wednesday, 7 p.m.; Sherm Williams, Minister.

CHURCH OF CHRIST
 Betsy Layne Church of Christ, Betsy Layne; Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m. and 6 p.m.; Wednesday, 7 p.m.; Tommy J. Spears, Minister.
 Church of Christ, South Lake Drive; Worship Service, 10 a.m. and 6 p.m.; Wednesday, 7 p.m.; Benny Blankenship, Minister.
 Harold Church of Christ, Harold; Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m. and 7 p.m.; Wednesday, 7 p.m.; James H. Harmon, Minister.
 Highland Church of Christ, Rt. 23, Hager Hill; Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m. and 6 p.m.; Wednesday, 7 p.m.
 Hueysville Church of Christ; Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m. and 7 p.m.; Wednesday, 7 p.m.; Chester Varney, Minister.
 Lower Toler Church of Christ, Harold; Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m. and 6:30 p.m.; Wednesday, 6:30 p.m.; Lonnie Meade, Minister.
 Mare Creek Church of Christ, Stanville; Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m. and 6 p.m.; Wednesday, 6:30 p.m.
 Martin Church of Christ, Martin; Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m. and 7 p.m.; Wednesday, 7 p.m. Gary Mitchell, Minister.

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 Harold Church of Christ, Harold; Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m. and 7 p.m.; Wednesday, 7 p.m.; James H. Harmon, Minister.
 Highland Church of Christ, Rt. 23, Hager Hill; Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m. and 6 p.m.; Wednesday, 7 p.m.
 Hueysville Church of Christ; Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m. and 7 p.m.; Wednesday, 7 p.m.; Chester Varney, Minister.
 Lower Toler Church of Christ, Harold; Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m. and 6:30 p.m.; Wednesday, 6:30 p.m.; Lonnie Meade, Minister.
 Mare Creek Church of Christ, Stanville; Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m. and 6 p.m.; Wednesday, 6:30 p.m.
 Martin Church of Christ, Martin; Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m. and 7 p.m.; Wednesday, 7 p.m. Gary Mitchell, Minister.

PRESBYTERIAN
 Drift Presbyterian, Route 1101, Drift; Worship Service, 11 a.m.
 First Presbyterian, North Lake Drive; Sunday School, 9:30 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m.; George C. Love, Minister.

SEVENTH DAY ADVENTIST
 Seventh-Day Adventist, 5 miles West on Mountain Parkway; Sunday School, 9:15 a.m.; Worship Service, 10:30 a.m.; Gary Sheph. Minister.

Upper Toler Church of Christ, 3.5 miles up Toler Creek on right; Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m. and 6 p.m.; Wednesday, 7 p.m.; Tommy Dale Bush, Minister.
 Weeksbury Church of Christ; Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 10:45 a.m. and 6 p.m. Mike Hall, Minister.

CHURCH OF GOD
 Betsy Layne Church of God, Old U.S. 23; Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m. and 6 p.m.; Wednesday, 7 p.m.; Judith Caudill, Minister.
 Community Church of God, Arkansas Creek, Martin; Worship Service, 11 a.m.; Friday, 7 p.m.; Bud Crum, Minister.
 First Church of God; Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 10:45 a.m. and 6 p.m.; Wednesday, 7 p.m.; Steven V. Williams, Pastor.
 Garrett Church of God, Garrett; Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m. and 7 p.m.; Wednesday, 7 p.m.; Donald Bragg, Minister.
 Landmark Church of God, Goble Roberts Addition; Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 11:10 a.m. and 7 p.m.; Wednesday, 7 p.m.; Kenneth E. Prater, Jr., Minister.
 Little Paint First Church of God, 671 Little Paint Road, East Point; Sunday School, 9:45 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m. and 6 p.m.; Wednesday, 7 p.m.; Charles Heater Jr., Minister.
 The Church of God of Prophecy, Hi Hat; Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m. and 7 p.m.; Wednesday, 7 p.m.; Don Fraley, Jr., Minister.

EPISCOPAL
 St. James Episcopal; Sunday Service, 9:45 a.m.; Holy Eucharist 11:00 a.m. Wednesday Study Group 6:00p.m., Holy Eucharist & Healing 7:30 p.m. Father Johnnie E. Ross, Rector.

LUTHERAN
 Our Savior Lutheran, Sipp Bayes Room Carriage House Motel, Paintsville; Sunday Service, 11 a.m.; WKLW (600 am) 12:05 p.m.; Roland Bentrup, Minister.

METHODIST
 Auxler United Methodist, Auxler; Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m.; Wednesday, 6 p.m.; Doug Lawson, Minister.
 Betsy Layne United Methodist, next to B.L. Gymnasium; Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m.; Wednesday, 7 p.m.; Randy Blackburn, Minister.
 Christ United Methodist, Allen; Sunday School, 9:45 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m. and 7 p.m.; Wednesday, 7 p.m.; Kenneth Lamaster, Minister.
 Community United Methodist, 141 Burke Avenue (off University Drive and Neeley St.); Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m. and 6 p.m.; Wednesday, 7 p.m.; Steve Pescosolido, Minister.
 Elliott's Chapel Free Methodist, Rt. 979, Beaver; Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m. and 6 p.m.; Philip T. Smith, Minister.
 Emma United Methodist, Emma; Sunday Worship Service, 2 p.m.; Jack Howard, Minister.
 First United Methodist, 256 South Arnold Avenue; 9 a.m. Contemporary Service; Sunday School, 9:45 a.m.; Worship Service, 10:55 a.m. and 5 p.m. UMY'S Service; Wednesday, 7 p.m.; Mark D. Walt, Pastor.

HORN CHAPEL METHODIST, Auxler Road, Auxler; Sunday Morning Service, 9 a.m., Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Mid-week Service, 7 p.m.; Sunday Evening Service held on the 1st and 3rd Sundays of each month at 6 p.m.; Garfield Potter, Minister.
 Martin Methodist; Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m.; Wednesday, 7 p.m.; Roy Harlow, Minister.
 Maytown United Methodist, Langley; Sunday Service, 11 a.m.; Worship Service, 9:30 a.m. and 6 p.m.; Wednesday, 6 p.m.; Roy Harlow, Minister.
 Salsbury United Methodist, Printer; Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m. and 7 p.m.; Wednesday, 7 p.m.; Bobby G. Lawson, Minister.
 Wayland United Methodist, Rt. 7, Wayland; Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m.; Wednesday, 6 p.m.; Brad Tackett, Minister.

WHEELWRIGHT UNITED METHODIST, Wheelwright; Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m. and 6 p.m.; Wednesday, 7 p.m.; Bobby Isaac, Minister.
 Drift Pentecostal, Drift; Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, Saturday/Sunday, 7 p.m.; Wednesday, 7 p.m.; Ted Shannon, Minister.
 Free Pentecostal Church of God, Rt. 1428, East Point; Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m. and 6:30 p.m.; Thursday, 6:30 p.m.; Buster Hayton, Minister.
 Free Pentecostal Church of God, Weeksburg; Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 7 p.m.; Wednesday/Saturday, 7 p.m.; John "Jay" Patton, Minister.
 Free Pentecostal Deliverance, Ext. 46 off Mt. Parkway at Campton; Worship Service, Saturday and Sunday, 7 p.m.; Patricia Crider, Minister.
 Free Pentecostal Holiness, Rt. 122, Upper Burton; Sunday School, 11 a.m.; Worship Service, 6 p.m.; Friday, 7 p.m.; Louis Sarlan, Minister; David Pike, Associate Minister.

GOODLOE PENTECOSTAL, Rt. 850, David; Worship Service, 6 p.m.; Melcom Stone, Minister.
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Pursuant to Application Number 836-5435, Renewal

In accordance with 405 KAR 8.010, notice is hereby given that Motts Branch Coal Inc., P.O. Box 2765, Pikeville, Kentucky 41502, has filed an application for renewal of a permit for an underground mining operation, located 2.6 miles southeast of McDowell, in Floyd County, Kentucky. The proposed operation will affect a sur-

face disturbance of 4.0 acres, and will underlie an additional 846.49 acres, for a total permit acreage of 850.49 acres. The operation is located 1.5 mile southeast from KY 680's junction with KY 1929, and located 0.11 mile south of Hall Fork. The operation is located on the McDowell U.S.G.S. 7-1/2 minute quadrangle map, at latitude 37°26'58" and longitude 82°42'00". The surface area to be disturbed is owned by Premium Elkhorn Coal Corporation and Klein and Doris Stumbo. The operation will underlie land owned by Sam Eversole, Klein and Doris Stumbo, Lorella Sue Newman, David Akers, Dorothy Bentley, Brenda Moore, Earl Evans, John B. Newsome, and Premium Elkhorn Coal Corporation. The application has been filed for public inspection at the Department for Surface Mining Reclamation and Enforcement's Prestonsburg Regional Office, 3140 South Lake Drive, Suite 6, Prestonsburg, Kentucky 41653-1410. Written comments or objections must be filed with the Director, Division of Permits, #2 Hudson Hollow, U.S. 127 South, Frankfort, Kentucky 40601. All comments or objections must be received within thirty (30) days of today's date.

NOTICE OF INTENTION TO MINE

Pursuant to Application Number 836-0287

In accordance with KRS 350.055, notice

is hereby given that Heartland Estates Inc., 1735 Right Fork of Bull Creek, Prestonsburg, Kentucky 41653, has applied for a permit for a surface coal mining and reclamation operation, affecting 8.29 acres located 1.5 mile west of Auxier, in Floyd County.

The proposed operation is approximately 0.25 mile south-east from Ky. Rt. 1428's junction with Hager Branch Road, and located along the waters of Paint Creek. The latitude is 37°43'57". The longitude is 82°47'13".

The proposed operation is located on the Prestonsburg U.S.G.S. 7-1/2 minute quadrangle map. The operation will use the contour method of surface mining. The surface area to be disturbed is owned by James Guess. The operation will affect an area within 100 feet of public road Ky. Rt. 1428. The operation will not involve relocation or closure of the public road. This application contains a request for a variance for experimental practice from the requirement to return to approximate original contour as required under regulation Nzo. 405 KAR 16.190.

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NOTICE OF INTENTION TO MINE

Pursuant To Application 836-5220, Operator Change

In accordance with 405 KAR 8:010, notice is hereby given that FCDC Coal Inc., 750 Town Mountain Road, Pikeville, KY 41501, intends to revise permit 836-5220 to change the operator. The operator presently approved in the permit is Prater Creek Coal Corporation, 750 Town Mountain Road, Pikeville, KY 41501. The new operator will be Clifcco Enterprise Inc., 240 Cowpen Road Pikeville, KY 41501.

The operation is located 3.8 miles north of Dana in Floyd County. The operation is approximately 3.2 miles south from U.S. 23's junction with county Road 1426, and located 0.0 miles west of Prater Creek. The operation is located on the Harold U.S.G.S. 7 1/2 minute GQ map, at latitude 37° 33' 51" and longitude 82 41' 40".

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